

SPRING MUSICAL AT WAYNE TRACE: ANNIE



Wayne Trace Schools will present the musical *Annie*, book by Thomas Meehan, music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin, on Friday and Saturday, April 18-19 at the Payne Elementary Auditorium.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. and tickets will go on sale at the doors at 6:30 p.m. There are no presale tickets or reserved seating, however wheelchair seating will be available and there is an elevator to the second floor auditorium for those who need it. Just enter the cafeteria door on the ground level from the east-parking lot off School Drive.

This is the first cooperative effort between the Jr./Sr. High and Elementary Schools. Blair Baumle and Jessica Offerle will both share one night's performance as Annie.

Other orphans include Sylvia Young, Janey Janka, Maddie Baumle, Maddie McClure, Brittany Jenkins, Sydney Hoffman, Elizabeth Lassiter, Kendall German, Kensie Haney, Abbie Shepherd, Jordan Elick, and Stacy Flint.

Ethynn Brown heads the high school cast as Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks with Megan Miller as his private secretary, Grace Farrell; Heather Bidlack as the infamous orphanage superintendent,

Miss Hannigan; and Mac Clark and Vivian Baker as the diabolical criminal duo, Rooster Hannigan and Miss Lily St. Regis. Arthur Stoller as Drake/Morgenthau, Adam Lassiter as Bert Healy/Ira; Katlin Humrickhouse (Mrs. Greer), Hannah Stoller (Jane), and Brenna Dunham (Cecille) also double as the Boylan Sisters; with Katelyn Hughes as Sophie, Kelsey Hughes as the "Star-to-Be"/Perkins, Joe Sponseller as President FDR/Fred, Brock DeLong as Lt. Ward/Ickes, Paul Kipfer as the Apple Seller/Howe, Simon Hessler as Fred McDracken/Hull, Dylan Worden as

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THE BATTLE IS ON!!

The annual Battle of the Books, sponsored by the Paulding County Carnegie Library will be held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. at the Youth Leadership Building at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Fifth and sixth grade teams from Paulding County schools have been reading and battling furiously to get a chance to battle in the finals. According to Anissa Williamson, Head of Youth Services, "I have never seen such excitement over these books. The kids know their stuff, they've been reading hard and are very competitive. This ought to be one of the most exciting battles ever."

Battle of the Books has been held for over twenty years. Students choose teams in the fall and read books off of a list of fifty titles. They are then quizzed in a competition in the spring, with the finals to be held as the last battle for county bragging rights. Last year the sixth grade team from Antwerp was victorious. The battle will begin at 12:30 sharp. Come early for

a good seat. For more information call 419-399-2032.

These children will be representing the following schools at the Battle of the Books County Finals:

St. John The Baptist Catholic School: Alec Kuhn, Kyle Recker, Libby Stabler, Elizabeth Rister, Addison Baumle, Mackenzie Swary

Paulding Middle School: Sierra McCullough, Sidney Salinas, Jaci Schlatter, Kelsie Manz, CeCe Weidenhamer

Grover Hill Elementary: Maddie McClure, Madi Poling, Arlen Stoller, Rachael Kreisler, Mackenzie Haney, Janie Janka

Oakwood Elementary: Laurel Wehrkamp, Ellie Miller, Kastin Kelly, Jacob Dingus, Julie Rhees

Payne Elementary: Jake Arend, Blair Baumle, Hank Sinn, Madelin Baumle, Brock Wordon, Matt Klopstein

Antwerp Elementary: Collin Perry, Samantha Provines, Jarrett Bute, Alisha Schroeder, Kelsey Titus, Nicole Hughes

—Susan Pieper

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If you are interested and have any questions, contact Jane Sharp at 419-594-2812 or Sarah Westrick at 419-594-3770.



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OBITUARIES

Katherine June Dohoney, 84 of Paulding died Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

She was born June 15, 1923 in Paulding, Ohio the daughter of Loren and Minnie (Kemler) Thompson. In 1942, she married Patrick C. Dohoney, who preceded her in death on January 16, 1981. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding.

She is survived by three sons: Pat (Laura) Dohoney of Angola, IN, Jerry (Nancy) Dohoney of Middle Point, OH, and Terry (Mary Sue) Dohoney of Bowling Green, OH; two daughters: Jo Ann Schooley of Paulding, and Mary Beth (Dean) Allen of Novi, MI; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter, Elaine Manz; granddaughter, Jennifer Dohoney; five brothers: Donald, Richard, Francis, Robert and Carl Thompson; two sisters: Pauline Sidle and Louise Hesrich.

Funeral services were conducted April 5 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Donations may be made to Masses or Pretty & Pink in Memory of Elaine Manz. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding handled arrangements.

Lewis E. Shuherk, 84, of Findlay, passed over into Heaven on Sunday, March 30, 2008, at The Heritage Estates, Findlay.

He was born on August 9, 1923, in Antwerp, OH to the late Charles J. and Edna (Peffley) Shuherk. He married Helen "Betty" Griswold on September 7, 1941, and she preceded him in death on May 5, 2005.

Lewis retired after 23½ years as a buyer for United Air Craft Products. He also had worked in retail for 19 years with Haffner's. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran, having served our country in World War II from 1943-1946, and was a member of the American Legion Post 3 in Findlay.

He was a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Findlay, Elks Club in Upper Sandusky and the Findlay Garden and Antique Clubs. Lewis was also a member of the Findlay Lodge No. 227 Free and Accepted Masons, where he was the former Master in Findlay Chapter No. 58 and Past Commander in Commandry No. 49 and also the Past Master in the Mt. Gilthead, OH, Chapter. He was a

member of both the Scottish and York Rite. He was a Past Patron of the Eastern Star in both Findlay and Mt. Gilthead and also a member of the Ohio Priory No. 18 Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Lewis was also a member of the Findlay Shrine and Zenobia Clubs. "Lew" was greatly loved and respected by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his daughters: Linda K. (Perry) Johnson of Sylvania and Constance "Connie" A. (Brad) Johnson of Findlay; brothers: Wayne Shuherk of Antwerp and Eddie Shuherk of Cromwell, IN; a sister, Esther Morrow of Antwerp; grandchildren: Marla and Brent; great-grandchildren: Reece, Blaine and Macy.

A funeral service was held April 5, 2008 at Coldren-crates Funeral Home, Findlay, with Reverend Todd Frail and John Miller officiating. Burial was in Knollcrest Gardens, east of Findlay, where full military rites were conducted by the Hancock County Veterans Memorial Squad.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Findlay Area Masonic Charity Foundation, 303 Osborn Avenue, Findlay, 45840 and/or a charity of the donor's choice, in his memory. Online condolences may be made at www.coldren-crates.com.

Margaret Anne Snider, 45, of Fort Wayne, passed away Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in a two vehicle accident.

Marge was born in Hicksville, Ohio on October 23, 1962, the daughter of the late George and Ann (Erter) Snider, who survives.

She was a Medical Secretary at Fort Wayne Neurology and a member of The Chapel, Fort Wayne.

Marge will be sadly missed by her mother, Ann of Antwerp; brothers and sisters-in-law: Mike of Auburn, IN, Matt and Amy of Findlay, OH, and Mark and Dina of Cincinnati, OH; and nieces and nephews: Adam, Zachary, Allison, Jeremiah, Aidan and Ava.

Funeral services were at Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 E. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 on April 8. Rev. Rick Hawks officiated. She was laid to rest at Bethel Cemetery, Cecil, Ohio. The family requests donations to WBCL Radio in her memory.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio

Beulah E. Mohr, 87, of Paulding died Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center of

Paulding, Ohio.

She was born in Blue Creek Township Paulding County, Ohio on February 7, 1921 the daughter of Sank and Elsie (Timma) Danklefsen. On November 11, 1942 she married Doyl R. Mohr, who survives. She was the Co-Owner and Operator of Mohr's of Scott, Ohio for 36 years.

She was a 1942 graduate of the Methodist School of Nursing Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was member of the County Chapel United Methodist Church of Haviland, Ohio and the United Methodist Women Society. She also attended the Beach United Methodist Church of Fort Myers, Florida. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star Van Wert Chapter #28. She was Deputy Grand Matron in 1969. She was a member of the Scott, Ohio EMS. She was a member of Fort Wayne Indiana Air Stream Trailer Association.

Surviving her husband, Doyl Mohr of Paulding; two daughters: Lynn (Jerry) Fensler of Defiance, OH, Lois (Richard) Schmucker of Pioneer, OH; one son, Stanley (Myria) Mohr of Paulding; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Donald Danklefsen.

Funeral services were conducted April 4, 2008 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio. Paul Miller and Ron Johnson officiated. Burial was in the Scott Cemetery Scott, Ohio.

Memorials to: Scott, Ohio EMS or the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center Activity Fund.



Walter G. "Joe" Ross, 90, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday April 2, 2008 peacefully at Paulding County Hospital.

Walter was born in Cecil, Ohio on October 19, 1917, the son of the late William Henry and Edith May (Woodring) Ross.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was the owner at Ross Service Sunoco Station, Antwerp. Joe was a member of the Antwerp VFW Post 5087, Hicksville Masonic Lodge 478 and the First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp.

In 1939, Joe married Betty Stiebling, who passed away in 2004.

Joe will be sadly missed by his daughters: Sue (Walter) Schilb of Antwerp and Jan (Don) Farnsworth of Chicago, IL; sons: Terry of Indianapolis, IN and William of St. Louis, MO; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Joe is preceded in death by his brothers: Clarence, Arl and Francis.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, An-

twerp, April 5. Rev. Ralph Klinker officiated.

He was laid to rest at Rochester Cemetery, Cecil, with military honors.

The family requests donations to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Howard T. Johnson, 77, of Payne (formerly of Oakwood) died Monday, March 31, 2008 at Dallas Lamb Foundation in Payne.

He was born June 14, 1930 in Melrose, the son of the late Guy and Flora (Thomas) Johnson. He married Eillen White (who survives) on August 26, 1977.

He was a retired iron worker from Fruchey Company, Fort Wayne, IN. He was a member of the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church in Oakwood; US Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict; life member of Defiance VFW Post #3360 and Oakwood American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Eillen of Payne; one son, Troy (Tina) Johnson of Defiance; two daughters: Jodi Shawver and Cindy (Todd) Smith both of Defiance; two step-sons: David (Norma) White of Cuyahoga Falls, OH and Devin (Teal) White of Payne; one step-daughter, Susan (Clement) Skehan of Willoughby, OH; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and two sisters: Roberta (Ray) Arnold of Texas and Doris (Bernall) Johns of Sherwood, OH.

Preceding him in death were a step-grandson; and a brother, Ed Johnson.

Funeral services were April 3, 2008 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church in Oakwood with Pastor Jim Nathan officiating. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery in Oakwood with Military Rites by the Oakwood American Legion and Defiance VFW.

Memorials to Twin Oaks United Methodist Church or the Alzheimers Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com. Heitmeyer Funeral Home in Oakwood handled arrangements.

Nick L. Banks, 60, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2008 surrounded by

his family at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Nickey was born in Antwerp, on January 19, 1948, the son of the late Ray and Clara-belle (Quaintance) Banks.

He was the owner at Antwerp Sales/Nick's Nostalgia, Antwerp, since 1978.

On Sept 2, 1965, Nick married Karen Davis, who survives.

Nick will be sadly missed by his wife, Karen; son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Crystal; mother, Clarabelle; granddaughters: Rachel and Allison; sisters: Joan Baker and Penny (Larry) Ryan all of Antwerp.

He was preceded in death by his sister; and five brothers.

His funeral service will be at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, with Rev Jim Edwards officiating.

You may call Wednesday, one hour prior to services.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Wendy Lynette Burns, 38, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2008 at her residence.

She was born in Paulding, Ohio on August 14, 1969. Wendy previously worked at Dana, Fort Wayne and was a member of Antwerp VFW

Post Auxiliary and St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp.

Wendy will be sadly missed by her sons: Zach Burns and Jacob Patterson; mother and father, Marlene (Rockstroh) and Roger Pier; father, Harold Burns all of Antwerp; sisters, Pam Bohner and Tam Pollock, both of Antwerp, Leila Becker of Chesterfield, IN; brothers: Robert, Kenneth and Michael Herber all of Antwerp and Tom Herber of Fort Wayne; half-sister, Kim of Florida; half-brothers: Randy of Garrett and Mike of Fort Wayne; step-sisters: Lisa Ridgeway of Antwerp and Tracey Fahling of Fort Wayne; step-brother, Douglas Pier of Fort Wayne; special friend, Ronald Burney and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 11, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating.

You may call Thursday, 2:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

A Catholic Vigil Service will be held Thursday, 8:00 p.m., at Dooley Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

The family requests donations to Zach Burns and Jacob Patterson or for masses. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

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PAULDING FFA FARM BOARD MET TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR GORMAN FARM



The meeting with Steve Sukup and the Paulding FFA School Farm Board Members. Back Row (l-r) - Amber Gebers, Alex Straley, Jared Deatrick, Clint Vance, Jerrod Knodel, Jesse Bollenbacher, Ben Kauser, Zak Kauser, Matt Arend, Stephen Wagner. Front Row - Dan Straley, Steve Sukup, Elizabeth Hunt.

The Paulding FFA School Farm Board met with Steve Sukup on April 1 to discuss the Gorman Farm and plans that he has for it. Steve is cash renting the farm from the school for the 2008 year. Next

year, community members will be given the opportunity to bid on the Gorman Farm. The money that the school receives will go into a scholarship fund. Students will be able to apply for scholarships

from this fund. The Paulding FFA will be hosting their annual banquet on Saturday the 12th of April, in the Paulding High School Gymnasium.

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—Friday, April 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Taylor Made Glass located at 407 E. Maple St. in Payne. Please call 263-2313 to schedule your blood donation appointment.

—Thursday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church located at 314 N. Main St. in Paulding.

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. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

¹ American Red Cross. "Volunteer Services" Website. Nov. 2007

² American Red Cross. "Volunteer Services" Website. Nov. 2007

COME AND CELEBRATE 90 YEARS WITH PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

On April 13, 2008 the Paulding Church of the Nazarene will be celebrating their 90th anniversary in the new Family Life Center. Morning service will be at 10:30 a.m., lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m., and ceremonies start at 2:00 p.m.

Paulding Church of the Nazarene history:

January 14, 1917, a revival meeting that resulted in the organization of the Paulding Church of the Nazarene by Rev. and Mrs. R.L. Rich and lasted for seven weeks. At the conclusion of that revival, the church was organized with 46 charter members.

June 10, 1917 a building was dedicated by District Superintendent, with Rev. James Short.

June 21, 1920 the site of the West Perry Street church was purchased.

September 27, after excavation for the basement was complete, the church was moved to this location.

1946, due to growth of the congregation, it was necessary to enlarge the building and remodel.

June 6, 1948 it was dedicated by Rev. W.E. Albea, District Superintendent.

July 11, 1971 the present building at 210 Dooley Dr. was dedicated with the Dedicatory Message being delivered by Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. John E. Dodds was pastor at that time.

Please come and join us for this special celebration.

BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON AT PAULDING FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church in Paulding will be hosting a Baked Potato Luncheon. The event is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 17, 2008.

They will be serving baked potatoes with toppings, salads, desserts and beverages. The public is invited. Free will offering will be accepted.

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Budles/Justice Grandise, Ella Woody as Mrs. Pugh/Mary, along with Dustin Taylor, Amber Kipfer, Tim Willborn, Matthew Proctor, and Colin Kopfenstein round out the supporting cast of twenty-three high school students.

Join us for an evening of family fun and entertainment.

Annie is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI), 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019.

—David S. Snyder, Drama Director, Payne, Ohio.

TRUSTEES ELECTED AT PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ANNUAL MEETING



Newly elected Board of Trustees members Gary Hayden of Columbus Grove and Dr. John Saxton of Oakwood pictured here at the Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc Annual Meeting which was held March 15, 2008.

Trustees Elected: Gary Hayden of Columbus Grove; Dr. John Saxton of Oakwood; and Gerald Sorg of Ft. Wayne, were re-elected to the Board of Trustees of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. at its 71st annual meeting March 15 at Paulding High School. More than 600 members and guests attended the meeting.

Board President John Saxton and Cooperative General Manager George Carter both addressed the state of the electric industry during their presentations to the members.

Carter spoke of the Cooperative's rate adjustment in 2007 by saying, "I've been in the electric cooperative business for 20 years and every time I've gone through a rate increase, it's never pleasant." He said total expenses of Paulding-Putnam increased by \$1.7 million in 2007. \$1.5 million of that total was cost of power, meaning all other expenses increased by less than one percent. He said, "These employees and trustees do a great job of protecting your Cooperative. Operating costs are not the driver in our rate decisions. Power cost is the drive and will be for the foreseeable future."

Carter also spoke about climate change legislation

and its potential impact on the electric industry. He said "I'm not here to argue the pros and cons of global warming. I simply want to point out that if we, all of us, don't get involved and take action, we will be without a voice on this pending legislation which has a potential huge cost to each of us as rate payers. Balancing electric needs and environmental goals will be difficult. We need to ask, 'How much is all this going to increase my electric bill and what will you do to make it affordable?'"

In other business at the meeting, a number of changes to the Cooperative's Code of Regulations were all passed by a vote of the membership.

Entertainment was provided by comedian Jay Hendren.

In other business, the Board of Trustees met and elected officers for the coming year: John Saxton - president, Karl Koenig - vice-president, Gary Hayden - sec/treas.

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Jay and Laura Laffoon know what "Ultimate Dates" look like. After meeting on a blind date over 23 years ago, Jay and Laura were engaged only ten days later. For the past 12 years, their Celebrate Marriage Conferences® have been held across the U.S. with over 20,000 couples participating. The Ultimate Date Night is a one evening event filled with 90 minutes of non-stop music, comedy, and fun! Their new book entitled *The Spark: Igniting the Passion,*

Mystery and Romance in Your Marriage (Baker Publishing; January 2008) is a culmination of their observations of what makes marriages thrive or fail in today's society. The Laffoons will host an Ultimate Date Night event at Continental High School Auditorium, 5211 State Route 634 on Saturday April 12 at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Continental United Methodist Church.

THE SPARK in a marriage, as Jay and Laura describe it, comes from five facets of intimacy: Social Intimacy ("you need to have a strong friendship"), Mental

Intimacy ("you are BOTH intelligent and can capitalize on each other's strengths"), Emotional Intimacy ("you have to keep emotional energy in your tank to give to your spouse"), Physical Intimacy ("sex isn't about the act of intercourse, it's the glue that holds marriages together"), as well as Spiritual Intimacy. Their upcoming book will highlight issues raised during their conferences as well as from in-depth surveys of over 2,000 couples who have attended their events.

Before starting their conferences in 1995, Jay Laffoon served as an Executive Director in Youth for Christ for 15 years. He is one of a handful of certified instructors from Dynamic Communications International. He also serves as chaplain for the PGA Tour. Laura grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and attended Montreat Anderson College and Belhaven College in Jackson, MS graduating with a degree in Social Ministries.

Combining humor, music, and lots of honesty, the Laffoons' "Ultimate Date Night" is designed for married couples or for couples contemplating marriage. For more information on the April 12th event, contact 800-669-4122 or visit www.ultimatedatenight.com

FIGHTING TIGERS IN THE DARK

By: **Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**

Several years ago there was a well-known television circus show that developed a Bengal tiger act. Like the rest of the show, it was done "live" before a large audience. One evening, the tiger trainer went into the cage with several tigers to do a routine performance. The door was locked behind him. The spotlights highlighted the cage, the television cameras

moved in close and the audience watched in suspense as the trainer skillfully put the tigers through their paces. In the middle of the performance, the worst possible fate befell the act: the lights went out! For twenty or thirty long, dark seconds the trainer was locked in with the tigers. In the darkness they could see him, but he could not see them. A whip and a small kitchen chair seemed meager protection under the circumstances, but he survived, and when the lights came on, he calmly finished the performance. In an interview afterward, he was asked how he felt knowing that the tigers could see him but that he could not see them. He first admitted the chilling fear of the situation, but pointed out that the tigers did not know that he could not see them. He said, "I just kept doing what I had been trained to do—cracking my whip and talking to them until the lights came back on... and they never knew that I could not see them as well as they could see me."

What a vivid portrayal of the life of a Christian. At some point in our experience, all of us will face the terrifying task of fighting tigers in the dark. Some face it constantly. Many people cope daily with personal, spiritual, and relational problems that threaten to destroy them. And even though we may not be able to understand our problems or even see them totally for what they are, we can have victory over them and refuse to allow them to destroy us. How? —by continuing to do what we have been trained to do. To keep praying. To keep trusting. To keep obeying the scripture. To keep walking by faith and not by sight. Even when we can't see. Even when it seems so dark. Even when the tigers roar and threaten. We can stand firm if we stand in the strength of the Lord and rely on the promises from His word.

And beyond that, those of us who are Christians know that some day the lights will come back on. And we'll realize that we withstood the test and overcame the threat.

OBEDIENCE LESSON #6

By: **James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ**

In previous studies, I have mentioned the traditional marriage vows, and how they relate to the church. The words love, honor, and obey are a part of these vows. Today we are going to look at what the Bible says about obeying or obedience.

The Hebrew word for obedience is *shama* and the Greek word is *hypakoe* and what they mean is to submit to authority or to obey a person in authority. It is obedient as to the will of God (Acts 7:39). The Jewish fathers during the law of Moses failed to obey God. Men and women normally come under five principle authorities in regards to obedience:

1. A child is required to obey his/her parents (Colossians 3:20)

2. A student is supposed to obey his/her teachers (Proverbs 5:12-13)

3. In an industry or business setting an employee is to obey his/her employers or masters (I Peter 2:18)

4. The government (Romans 13:1-2).

5. Lastly but most important, we are to obey God

(Genesis 26:5).

Loved ones the supreme test of faith in God is obedience (I Samuel 28:18). The man, woman or child who obeys is one who loves God. Throughout the Bible, obedience is linked to faith. This is evidenced in Genesis 22:18; Romans 1:5; and I Peter 1:14. Christ our Lord and Savior, Himself was obedient to the Father (Philippians 2:8). Christ gave to each of us the supreme example of obedience. Christians are called children of obedience (I Peter 1:14). What about your salvation? Can you give book, chapter and verse for it? This book, chapter and verse must be kept in the context of the subject. I can, and my prayer would be that you can too and your salvation is scripturally sound. Until next time remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

CLOTHING "GIFT-IT-AWAY" AT MELROSE UMC

On Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Melrose United Methodist Church will have a Clothing Gift-It-Away. People who live in Brown, Jackson, Latty and Washington Townships in Paulding County are invited to come to the church for these free clothes. The people can get the clothes as gifts for themselves or to give as gifts to their family or friends who could use them. A variety of clothes in various sizes, plus hats, coats, purses, belts and shoes will be available for

people of all ages and sizes.

Melrose UMC is located one block south of the blinking light in Melrose. For questions or more information, call Genevieve Noggle at 419-594-3411.

THANK YOU

The Victor Tuohy family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the wonderful people who cared for our loved one: Defiance Visiting Nurses especially Jennifer and Brenda, the Nurses Aides—Kay, Michelle, and Mary; the special care givers—Sandy, Jeanne, Jerry, Oline, Judy, Kate, Edith and Terri; and Dr. Peter Lenhart and the staff of Percy Hospital. We send a special thanks to Jack, BJ, Bob, Gary and Lucille of Den Herder Funeral Home for making such a difficult time less stressful; to Fr. Todd, Deacon Don, and the St. John's Catholic Church for opening their hearts to our family and to the gracious ladies of the church for preparing a delicious meal.

Thank you to all of those who helped with the funeral service and to the organist, Dave for the beautiful music. Thank you to the Defiance City Police Department for the courtesy during the procession, and to our family, friends, and neighbors who sent cards, prayers or delicious food or helped in so many other ways, thank you.

—The Victor Tuohy Family

IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE?

Think about the various places where your name is written and why it is recorded there ...

- As a matter of historical record and identity, your name is written on a **birth certificate**.
- To report the grades that you have earned while in school, your name is written on a **report card**.
- As a means of identification and license to drive, your name is written on a **driver's license**.
- To show your commitment to your spouse for the rest of your life, your name is written on a **marriage license**.
- To mortgage a home or finance a car, your name is written on a **contract**.
- To note the beginning and the end of your earthly existence, your name will eventually be written on a **tombstone!**

But hopefully this is not the LAST place your name will appear!

There is ANOTHER place in which you will want to make absolutely certain that your name is recorded. Having your name written in THIS particular document is the most important record of all. If your name is written in THIS book, you will be rewarded ETERNALLY!

The Book of which I speak is what the Bible calls the "BOOK OF LIFE" (see Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12,15; 21:27; 22:19). **THIS book will be opened on the day that Jesus Christ will judge EVERY person of EVERY nation** (Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:31; Revelation 20:11-15). Those whose names are written in the **Book of Life** will inherit eternal bliss in the heavenly city where "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but ONLY those whose names are written in the **Lamb's Book of Life**" (Revelation 21:27).

How can I be sure that MY name is written in the Book of Life?

The Apostle Paul informs us that ONLY the names of "Christians" are recorded in the **Book of Life** (Philippians 4:3), for Christians are those whose sins have been washed away by the blood of the "Lamb" - Jesus Christ! To become a Christian, one must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 16:31), **repent** of sin (Acts 17:30), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be **baptized** in the name of Christ for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). To THOSE Christians who remain faithful throughout their lives, Jesus has promised: "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will NOT blot out his name from the **Book of Life**; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels" (Revelation 3:5).

Throughout the course of life, your name will be recorded in MANY different places on this EARTH. But the most important question is: Is YOUR name written in HEAVEN - in the **Lamb's Book of Life**?


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(continued from last week's 4/3/08 edition)

There is additional information addressing such issues as to when the pay would change if the population increases or decreases for an official "in-term" since the Ohio Revised Code §325.22 provides that an official's salary cannot be reduced during the remainder of his/her term of office on account of a decline in population of the county. However, upon commencement of a new term of office, such official would be paid at the lower salary to correspond with the new census data. If the new population numbers result in an elected official being eligible for a salary in a "higher" pay class, such individual can move up and receive the higher salary in-term. However, it

would have to be prorated for the remainder of that calendar year. Of course, this means you could have county officials on different population based pay scales, depending on when they take office since these dates vary. Therefore, until the decennial census is updated, those are the requirements my office must follow. I also verified what the population for Paulding County was when the 2000 decennial census was completed. The total population number I found for Paulding County was 20,293 and I found that number on the U.S. Census Bureau's official website. This number was also confirmed by Doug Zimmerman, the State Auditor, as the number they would use to compare the officials' salary ranges against. Mr. Zimmerman also shared with me that their office reviews officials' salaries very carefully as part of their annual financial audit. I do not know whether Paulding County has currently fallen below the population number of 20,000 and at this time, as far as the county officials' salaries go, it isn't relevant.

What I can tell you is this, once I have received the "official" word to make any necessary county officials' salary adjustments based on the next "official" decennial census, I will do that. I take the role of "Chief Payroll Officer" for this county very seriously along with my other various duties. When I chose to run for County Auditor I did it believing that I had something worthwhile to offer Paulding County. I did it because I felt I had the experience and skills that it would take to improve the office and I have worked very hard trying to achieve that. My staff and I are dedicated to provid-

ing the best possible service to the residents of Paulding County. I have insisted that my staff and I include in our correspondence the words "Proudly Serving the Residents of Paulding County" because I truly feel that way.

I have been in office for one year now; I cannot say that things have been easy or went as smooth as I would have liked them to go our first year. But, what I can say is we are trying our best and we have made what I consider to be many essential changes within our office for the betterment of Paulding County. My goals are to continue in a positive direction and I do believe in providing as much information to the public as possible. I have written various articles for the local newspapers informing the residents of programs and issues relating to our office.

Currently, I am researching the possibility of adding more information to our real estate web-site. I would like to add specific levy information to our web-site. This feature would allow taxpayers to view any parcel and see specific current levy information as well as any proposed levy information. It would also include the ballot language, type of levy, millage, and other related information. I plan to apply for a local grant with the hope of helping to fund this project. I hope to be able to add the levy tab this summer which I am sure residents would appreciate and find very useful and informative. My desire is to be able to provide this service to the public but will be based on available funding. I will keep you updated on this exciting project for our real estate web-site! If you haven't used our web-site, I encourage you to do so at www.pauldingcountyauditor.com and look up your property record card information. Also included on our website is Frequently Asked Questions that is updated to provide current program information.

To conclude this Letter to the Editor, I hope that I have provided the residents of Paulding County the information necessary to fully answer the question surrounding county officials' salaries vs. the county population. If you have any further questions, you know where I work, I will continue to do my best to serve you.

Proudly Serving the Residents of Paulding County,
—Susan K. Simpson, Your County Auditor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to make a proposal that I believe would improve the possibility for funding and thereby improve the whole VA Health Care System.

Before making this proposal I would like to make a statement of my position, feelings, and beliefs concerning our obligations and moral responsibility to the people who make sacrifices and serve our country to make it possible for us to enjoy all of the freedoms that many take for granted.

The late President Kennedy once made the following statement in his 1961 Presidential inaugural speech, "Ask not what you country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Many veterans have done just that.

While I wholeheartedly

agree with that statement, I believe the price of freedom is not free and we, as citizens who enjoy those freedoms, owe our veterans the best possible health care that money and technology can provide.

It should be a disgrace to all of us when we hear of reports, like the one about Walter Reed Hospital, of sub-standard and deplorable conditions or care being provided by the VA System.

We should be doing studies of how to better utilize and improve the VA Health Care System, rather than studies aimed at closing these facilities.

The following proposal could be a winning proposition for all parties involved, including the Veterans, Federal Government Employees, Federally Elected Officials and the US Taxpayer.

My proposal would expand the services of the VA Health Care System to include providing services to all Federal Government Employees and Federally Elected Officials who now receive healthcare benefits at Taxpayers' expense.

By doing this the people that are responsible for ensuring the Veterans are getting the care that they are entitled to, need, and deserve, would be receiving the same care and would make sure the services are available and up to high standards.

If properly managed this could even result in a lower overall cost. I'm very interested in knowing your thoughts and what you position would be regarding the above proposal and statements.

—Dale Smith, voter, taxpayer, small-business owner, Vietnam veteran

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Antwerp area,

My name is Cheryl Stromski and I have lived in Antwerp with my husband Joe and our family for almost 22 years now. We have brought our four sons up in the Antwerp School District. They are now grown and experiencing their own lives. Antwerp has been a wonderful part of those growing up years. During their school years our sons were involved in academic activities, sports, band, and many other extra curricular opportunities our school has to offer, all with lasting good memories of their time in school and helping to form their future lives.

There have been many great improvements over the

years to our entire school system, but one that still needs some help is the track at the football field. I am sure everyone is aware of the ongoing fund-raising that is taking place. The goal needed to raise is \$200,000 and we are almost half way there thanks to many area residents and businesses. Remember, not only will the new track be used by school, but it is a community track. We are all welcome to exercise there. A new track will also give Antwerp another reason to be proud when we have visitors to the sports complex area.

Now, the reason for this letter is to present a fund-raising idea for our track. On May 3rd I will be running in the Indianapolis Mini-Marathon. This race/walk is 13.1 miles long with 35,000 participants from around the world. It is the largest half marathon in the United States. The race starts in downtown Indianapolis, goes to the Indianapolis Speedway for a 2½ mile loop (on hot black top) and then ends back downtown. There are nearly 90,000 spectators that come to cheer the runners and walkers on.

My request in this letter is to ask for any sponsorship or donations (per mile or lump sum) towards my 13.1 mile run. I will finish it! All donations will go 100% towards the new track that we so badly need. No amount is too small. I will personally let anyone that makes a donation know how my experience in this exciting event turns out.

If you find it in your heart to help with this worthwhile community project please make your donation to Antwerp Athletic Boosters and mail to Cheryl Stromski, 7502 Road 192, Antwerp, OH 45813.

I am looking forward to hearing from you. Please call me with any questions or concerns at 419-258-2629.

(This fund-raiser has the approval of Cindy Schlatter and Steve Arnold),

God Bless,
—Cheryl A. Stromski

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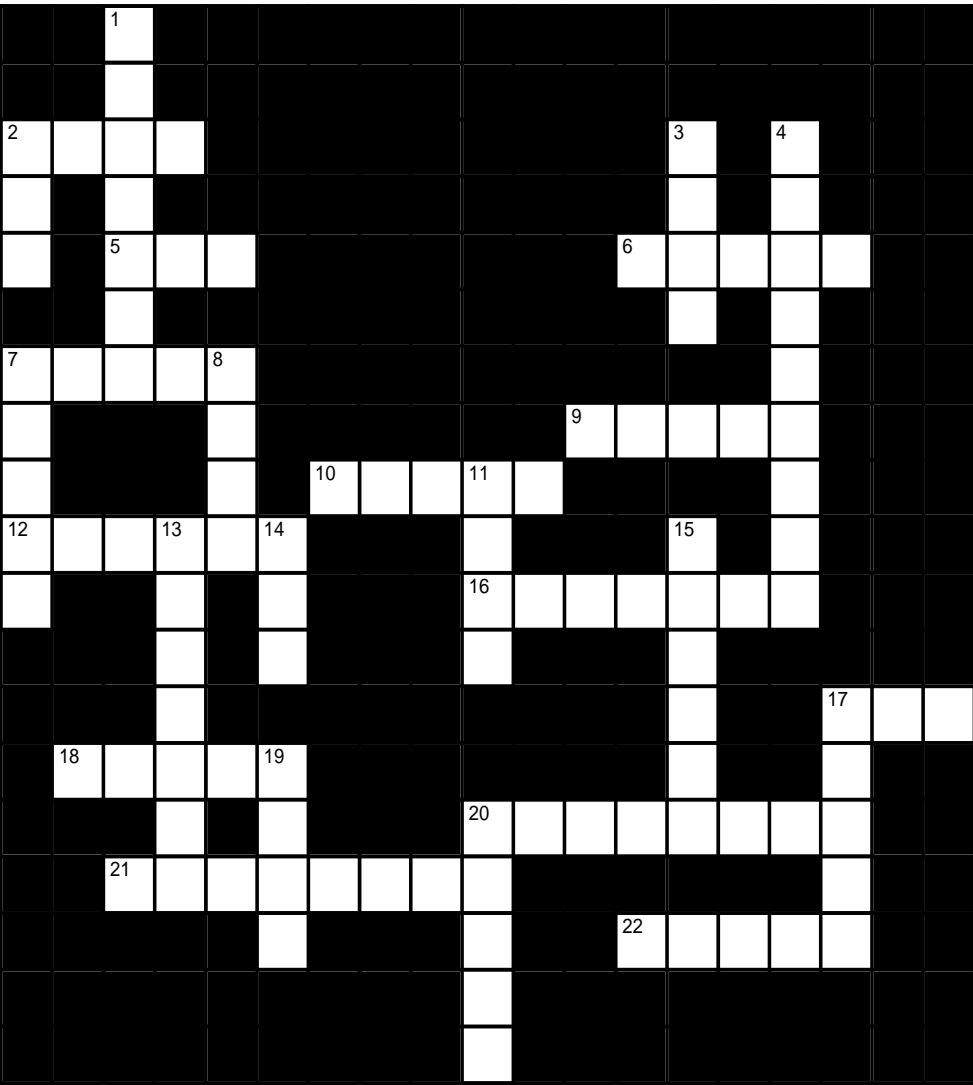


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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 2. A drowning man is not troubled by ____.
- 5. That's ____ for the course.
- 6. Keep a green tree in your ____ and perhaps a singing bird will come.
- 7. That's the ____ that breaks the camel's
- 9. Take the bull by the ____.
- 10. He was just a ____ in the pan.
- 12. A book is like a ____ carried in the pocket.
- 16. A man is known by the ____ he keeps.
- 17. ____ got your tongue.
- 18. Keep a ____ upper lip.
- 20. ____ are a poor man's riches.
- 21. Beauty is in the eye of the ____.
- 22. Every man is his own worst ____.

Down

- 1. The ____ of a pretty girl can be heard further than the roar of a lion.
- 2. ____ the gauntlet.
- 3. There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the ____ is always the same.
- 4. A man should live if only to satisfy his ____.
- 7. It's not over till the fat lady ____.
- 8. Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and ____.
- 11. ____ as a dog.
- 13. When spider webs ____, they can tie up a lion.
- 14. ____ it in the bud.
- 15. They who love most are least ____.
- 17. Like taking ____ from a baby.
- 19. There's no fool like an old ____.
- 20. Two's company, three's a ____.



By: Chelsea Vail

Go, greased lightning, you're burning up the quarter mile... The only way to describe how fast this quarter is going is to compare it with greased lightning. As has been the case every week thus far, this one, sure to fly by, is teeming with activities. In addition to the many athletic events taking place, art and yearbook students will travel to Fort Wayne this Thursday to view various pieces of art produced by area residents. Friday, eighth graders and criminal justice students will visit the Paulding County Courthouse and Jail to get a glimpse of the daily workings of local government. Middle school band and choir students will participate in Saturday's OMEA competition, to round out the week.

The following Monday only facilitates more speeding down the highway of life - seniors, myself included, will embark on their final class trip. The day trip to Cincinnati will include a tour of Reds Stadium and a boat cruise, among other attractions. Then on April 16 (a very important day for mankind, I might add) there will be a two-hour delay for a teacher in-service. Be sure to wish me a happy birthday!

Go, greased lightning, you're coasting through the heat lap trial... Life isn't slowing down, and neither are our athletes. Catch a meet/game before their supersonic speeds leave you in the dust!

JH Track: April 10, 4:30, @ Hilltop; April 14, 4:00, @ Ayersville

Varsity Track: April 15, 4:00, @ Ayersville

JV Baseball: April 10, 4:30, @ Tinora; April 14, 5:00, Kalida; April 15, 4:30, Wayne Trace

Varsity Baseball: April 10, 4:30, Tinora; April 11, 5:00, Parkway; April 15, 5:00, @ Wayne Trace

Varsity Softball: April 10, 4:30, Tinora; April 11, 5:00, Delphos Jefferson; April 15, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace

Word of the Week
Slake (sleyk) verb

1. To allay by satisfying (thirst, desire, wrath, etc.)

2. To make less active, vigorous, intense

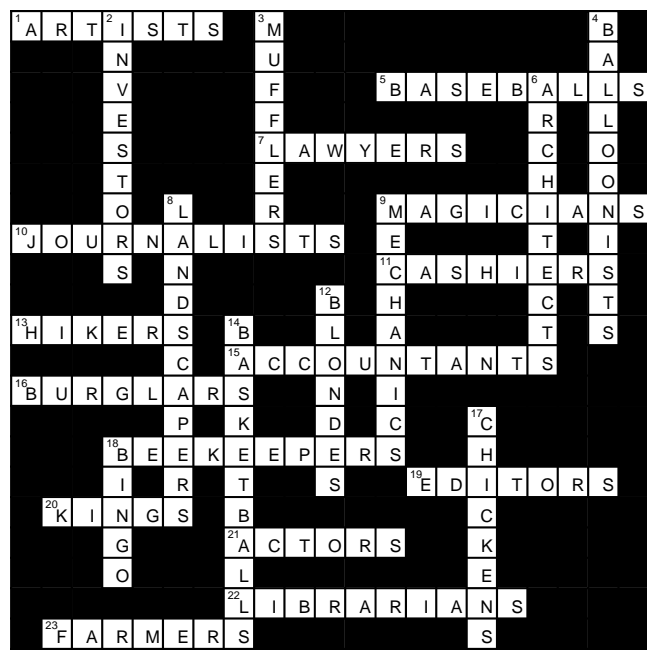
Example: "Seeing Danny with another girl at the sock hop slaked Sandy's enthusiasm for dancing the night away with him."

Now, go, go, go, go, go!

JOSEPH E. STROMSKI II NAMED TO DEANS LIST

Joseph E. Stromski II has been named to the Deans List with a 3.8 grade point average. for the 2007 fall semester at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI. Joseph is a 2005 alumnus of Antwerp High School. He is the son of Joe and Cheryl Stromski of rural Antwerp. Joseph is a junior majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Psychology. He is also very active with campus projects as an officer for the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

The answers to "Hazardous Occupations"



WOODBURN: SMALLEST CITY IN INDIANA

By: Gaylen Goff Stetler and Eugene Nahrwold

In 1865 Joseph Edgerton and Joseph Smith platted the town of Woodburn, or Phelps Station as it was called at that time. The two men chose this area due to the abundant timber, fertile ground and nearby river. After two large, accidental fires in the area Joseph Edgerton sent his son, Edward Edgerton, to Woodburn to sell off large tracts of land for farming.

This area was first known as Phelp Station due to the train depot. There were five families and a post office. In September of 1865 the town was again platted with the name Woodburn due to the enormous wood burnings to clear the land. Then in 1895 a group of local men decided to incorporate the town into Shirley City in honor of Senator Robert B. Shirley. Once again in 1956 a special meeting was called where the decision was made to return the name to Woodburn and officially become the smallest 5th class city in Indiana.

The hard working pioneers who migrated to this area are to be commended for clearing the land for cultivation and implementing

the drainage system. This cleared the way for commerce in the city. Stucky Brothers started their business in Woodburn selling farm implements and repair. The grain elevator and train station were the leading businesses in the early days. Soon the small city became self contained with everything from a bank, to grocery stores, drug store, furniture, doctors, blacksmith, restaurants, taverns, stockyard, hotel, butcher shop, brick and tile mill, automobiles, schools and churches. Due to limited roads and abundant local business community members did not have to travel outside of Woodburn for their basic needs. With each passing year Woodburn continues to change.

References: Home Community U.S.A and Bringing Back the Good Old Days

The first house in Woodburn is still standing, Henry Core lived there and the house held the post office. The house stands across the railroad tracks on Front Street. It has been kept up and redone but it's still there. Also in the memorabilia is a Shirley City Badge worn by a Shirley City Officer, buttons from Woodburn Days, pictures galore and many many more items we will be talking about.



**Community Education Opportunity
Healthy Heart Living**

**Tuesday, April 15,
7:00 p.m.
Paulding County
Hospital
Education Room**

Heart healthy snacks will be served.

Please RSVP @ 399-1129 by April 14th.

Dr. Ahmed will be presenting different risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Followed by a question & answer period.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Paul Smith will be 90 years old on April 12, 2008. He has had a good and eventful life. We called at his daughter's (Kathy) house today and interviewed him. It was a pleasant afternoon as he is very sharp and a very interesting person. He was in the Army for four years back in WWII and we will talk about those years in a little while.

Paul was born in 1918 about a mile or so west of Cecil, Ohio on the Hargrave Pike.

Charlie and Myrtle Smith had five children—Paul was the oldest—Ruth, Grace, Dick and Paul are still living.

He started to school at the Emerald School, corner of Hammersmith and Emerald Road. He then attended the Knoxdale School until the fifth grade. Paul said that is when Antwerp made it's school area as it is now. It was called the Antwerp School District. Paul was on the 1935 football team and then graduated in 1936.

His father passed away while Paul was a freshman. He did all of the chores and farming and everybody

helped. He said they had a pair of white mules to work with.

While he was farming, he also worked a couple years for Tom Baldwin, a bee man in the Cecil area.

Paul said on January 29, 1941, 28 men left Paulding by bus for Toledo. As all these boys were sworn in they left by train for Camp Shelby, Miss. They joined "Co A" in Shelby, those were the boys from Paulding County that left here the year before. Paul told them he would like to be a truck driver so he was sent over to "H Co." because that outfit did have trucks, they were a heavy weapons company. They trained in Mississippi and Louisiana. They held maneuvers in July and September.

They drove to Indian town Gap, Pennsylvania in February of 1942. The whole 37th Div. trucks and all.

On Easter of that spring they went by train to San Francisco then they got on a troop ship and a convoy of about six ships sailed to the South Pacific. He was sea sick for a week and never ate anything. They arrived on Figi Island. They were there for defense and training. The

USA did not want the Japs to take Figi also. He spent his birthday there April 1942.

Then they went to Guadalcanal, no trucks, walked all the time. They helped unload supply boats and for guard purposes.

After a few months they went to the Russell Islands. John F. Kennedy's P.T. Boats were stationed there at that time. Then on up to New Georgia, lots of action, as well as heat and varmint. They fought about three weeks and took the Munda Airport. Lost some boys and a complete mortar squad and some incoming artillery. Russell Island was loaded with palm trees and he learned to eat coconuts.

The Japs started some night action and "H" Co. was called out. There was a lot of action and quite a few Japs were killed. By day light he had to help bury the dead Japs in a hole. He didn't like that very much!

They left New Georgia and went to Guadalcanal to rest up and get new equipment, some new replacements and get ready for the next action. They loaded up on to L.S.T.s and went to Leyte Gulf in the Philippines.

They stopped at the Admiralty Island for a short visit. Everybody got two cans of beer. They also observed some Kamikaze attacks, but their ship wasn't harmed. Here they did get some new jeeps and trailers to help haul supplies for the invasion. here they also practiced landings with amphibian troop carriers.

They landed onto the Philippines with out to much trouble and then moved on in.

The Japs had an airstrip on one end of the island, that's where all the action was. They were on the right end of the line and moving on in to the jungle. There wasn't any trails so a huge bulldozer came behind us bringing all the supplies. We moved inland a little each day. We had no way of telling distance. Our Captain got hit and was sent back. We never saw him again. One of our officers took over command. Every night we had to dig a three man fox hole. The coral was pretty hard. You stayed in your fox hole all night, no moving and not talking. If something moved you shot it.

Here we got ahead of the rest of the group and we were surrounded for a couple of days.

We forgot our way back to the base and some of the others took two more days to get back. Then we could finally find out the situation. There were Japs all over, enough for everybody. We were getting out of the jungle and into some hilly ground. Now they could see us easily and opened up with ACK guns on us. This action took place right up to dark. Some of our boys got hit with that anti-aircraft fire.

We were able to watch a dog fight between a Jap Zero and three American planes, but he (Japs) backed it off and headed for home. We lost some more boys here and the outfit on our left captured the airstrip and the fighting ended on the island.

We stayed here a couple weeks and the Captain had us to build a log road through the jungle. We all had blisters from swinging an ax.

We recuperated for a couple of weeks and they took us to Guadalcanal and we got ready for the next action which turned out to be Bouganville. It was the middle of November when we landed without to much trouble.

The first night there was an air raid on the ship in the bay. One Torpedo plane was shot down and crashed about fifty feet away. That was quite a scare and his torpedo still lay there on the ground.

We cleaned out a path and set up a base camp. We set up a circle perimeter of about 23 miles long. There were mountains in this area with a pass a few miles away. Off to the right was a live volcano that spewed steam most of the time. Out part was to set up a defensive position here with foxholes and gun positions.

Paul did a bit of fighting and moving in Northern Luzon. They kept moving to the north to a place called Baggio. But just like all the Philippines the Japs were tough fighters and very mean and brutal. They destroyed every-



thing and everyone. Everything at Baggio was destroyed except a catholic church.

They were still moving into Northern Luzon when the atom bomb was dropped.

They were put on a troop ship and headed home to Frisco. They were there about three days and then to camp to be processed and discharged. Then they took a troop train to Atterbury, Indiana and on October 5, 1945 he got home.

After he got home he worked for L. Smith and son for a while. Then he met LaVonne Bissell in Antwerp in 1946 and they were married on April 3, 1948. At that time they lived a little south of the cement plant.

They had seven children, all are living: Dennis, Donald, Marilyn, Doug, Carol, Dave, and Kathy. He has nine grandchildren. His wife, Vonni has been gone for some time. He and Marilyn live in the home place over on Rd. 230 and 89. He farmed that place for around 40 years.

Paul is in pretty good shape for being 90 in a few days. One of his hobbies is his garden. He likes to see things grow.

This is sort of a tribute to Paul but we could not put all of those four years of his Army life and his dedication to his country in our interview. He has written a pretty good story of his Army life and it makes for pretty good reading.

I'm proud to have known Paul and his family.

I enjoyed doing this interview and we wish Paul many more birthdays. I want to express my appreciation to Kathy for all her pictures and information that she helped us with over the last few months. The 'Old Timers' would have said, "I'm obliged".
See, Ya!

NOTICE: Please watch for Stan's Antwerp History column in next week's issue.

We here at WBN finally have proof that at one time there was a bridge that ran north and south on the north end of South Main Street.

ARCHER SOFTBALL

By: Stan Jordan

On Thursday afternoon, April 3rd the Continental Girls Softball Team came to town. They are a vastly improved team and really good.

They picked up a run in the first inning. The Archers tied the game up in the fourth inning and it became a pitchers duel from then on. Antwerp had a couple chances to score but we didn't get the job done.

The game was tied one to one into the first half of the 12th inning. Continental picked up four runs. Antwerp could not score in their half of the inning, so we lost 5-1.

Both teams played very well to go 11 innings with only one score each, you know both teams played well.

Antwerp plays good basic softball.

I want to mention Antwerp catcher, Kristy Kortkrax, threw down to second twice and pitched off the runners coming from first. Good heads-up ball.

April 10th at 4:30 here, the Archers play Tinora, that is a GMC game.

See, ya, there!

AN INTRODUCTION TO WOODBURN HISTORY

By: Sue Knapp

We are going to start doing a column on Woodburn history. The information will be told to me by Gaylen Goff Stetler and Eugene Nahrwold. The credit of the columns will go to these fine people.

Gaylen and Eugene are both members of the historical society in Woodburn and they have enough memorabilia to last a long while. They have always been interested in Woodburn history.

Gaylen Goff Stetler was born in Woodburn and graduated from Woodburn High School. She worked at Woodburn Telephone Co. while in high school and then worked at North American Van Lines, U.S. Rubber and at Woodburn Diamond Die. Her and her husband, John, had one child. Gaylen now has two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, they all live in this area. Gaylen has dealt in antiques for many years.

Eugene Nahrwold was born in Woodburn and graduated from Woodburn High School. He worked at Woodburn Diamond Die, also worked in antique furniture and worked at Garth Feed Co. He is retired now and his hobby besides Woodburn history is his collection of lunch boxes.

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STAN & SUE ON THE ROAD

By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp

The Antwerp Rotary Club sponsors the recyclable trailer that sits out by the sanitation pond. When you go out there with your recyclables did you ever think about what happens with all that stuff and who empties the trailer so that people can bring more? Well, that's Charlie and Ellie Miller! On Sunday night they back up their belch fire eight and hook on to the trailer and pull it over to Broughton to Kohart's Metals Yard. Those employees empty the contents and then call Charlie. This is usually on Monday. So Charlie and Ellie go get said trailer and bring it back to Antwerp. So don't take any recyclables down on Monday because the trailer is not there. So please take your materials home and come back on Tuesday. The sign there tells you what to do. Charlie told me they brought the trailer back on a Monday night and someone had just

left all their stuff there in a pile in the rain with the sign right there telling them not to. Charlie had to move all their junk because it sat where the trailer goes. Charlie says, "please obey the sign".

You see, Charlie and Ellie have made two trips to Koharts every week for two and one half years without any compensation. That's right! They are volunteers and they are two big Antwerp Boosters and neither one are old Antwerp natives.

Charles L. Miller was born in Bryan, Ohio on April 22, 1942. There were four kids in the family. He went to school in Delta, Ohio until the fourth grade at which time the family moved to Bronson, Michigan. He participated in all sports and track. He helped set a record at Bronson High in relays that still stands in Div. 3 in Michigan. He said they always had a good team in all sports except football. Their school just wasn't big enough to support a good football team. But he is mighty proud of their high school teams that he participated on. He graduated in 1960 from Bronson High.

He worked in a machine shop in Sturgis Michigan. He sometimes ran four automatics, sometimes eight at \$1.40 per hour. He married a girl from Scott, OH and they had two children, Lisa and Brendt. Lisa lives in Cecil and Brendt in Williams Center, OH.

On March 22, 1962 he was going back to Michigan from

Scott, Ohio and on the fence out on the Antwerp Weatherhead Plant was a sign that stated, they wanted machinists so Charlie went in and told them what machines he could run and what he was running. The Personal Manager said, "if you can get your tools and be back here by the second trick we will hire you!" So Charlie did, and they did. His old boss said, "you'll regret it." Charlie said, "Well I'm getting a dollar and four cents more an hour for regrets." He started right in on automatics, chuckers, hand screws, etc.

After a few years at Antwerp he and his wife decided on a divorce. Charlie worked 18 years on second trick.

In 1971 he married Elinor Steele Huss. She had three children and Charlie had two. They have been married 37 years and between them they have five children, thirteen grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

While Charlie lived in Scott he was on that Fire Department for eight years. When he moved to Antwerp he served about 18 years on the AFD and eight years on EMS.

Charlie had about 35 years in at Weatherhead. He worked on automatics, chuckers, maintenance, grinder, tool grinder, machinist, set up and supervision. He even worked as an engineer for awhile.

Then was a time when DANA moved all the machine from Syracuse, IN down to the Antwerp plant. They needed operators for these machines, so Charlie took some new people in off the street and taught them how to operate their machines: bar machines, chuckers, hand screws and lathe and complete programs of gauges, blueprints, inspection and especially 'quality'. Good work and good work only! Charlie had nine of these classes with about 20 people to the class.

There was a time in the 1980's that he and Jim Daily and Denny Mullins made a new way to do a quick set-up change. They were all proud of the fact it saved the company \$15,000 and about eight hours in labor at each change.

Charlie retired in 1997 with 35 plus years. Ellie retired from Dana in 1996 with 30 years.

Ellie has three children, Sue and her family live in Paulding and Gary and his family live in Defiance. Her daughter, Kay, and her husband Barry Stoller have two children and now live in Antwerp.

They also own a trucking company called Barefoot Trucking. Charlie has his own tractor and trailer and has driven for them since 2002. His is a flat bed trailer and he hauls, among other things,

rolled steel coils. As big as he is, he crawls around and fastens his coils and or tarps like a squirrel. I don't know how he does it. Someday, down the road, I'm afixin' to do a column on him called, 'A Day with Charlie Miller'.

Charlie's hobby is fishing. They own some acreage up around Gaylord, MI. He can repair about anything from a six spindle automatic to a \$2.00 clock. He belongs to the Horologist group.

Charlie is also a pretty good cook. Whenever the United Methodist Church has a breakfast, he is asked to assist. Charlie and Ellie have both walked the Mackinaw Bridge a number of times.

Charlie tells me that a few years ago he worked on the Friends of the Library Committee with Mary Derck and Cindy Bowers. He is very proud of what they accomplished. Charlie says the Antwerp Branch Library is one of the most cost efficient libraries in the state of Ohio.

They are tax paying, bill paying, neighbor helping, school boosting, city boosting, downright good citizens.

Yes, Charlie meets the criteria for my 'Good Ole' Boys Club.

See, ya!

MOTHERHOOD: GIVE THANKS SPEECH

By: Renee Spieth, 2007 Young Mother of the Year

"Oh give thanks, unto the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endures forever." My grandfather, Walter Werling, Sr. led that prayer after every meal that we shared together. He had seven children which multiplied into fifteen grandchildren. The kids would be free to play after a meal. However, as soon as Grandpa called us, play ceased, a herd of kids trampled into the huge farmhouse dining room, and then silence. Hands were folded; heads were bowed; and everyone stopped to give thanks for the meal and for each other.

Now that I am a mother of five children of my own, this prayer and my grandfather's wisdom is priceless. In our hurried life, we often do not take time to stop everything... and truly give thanks.

Yes, sometimes it is hard to even get my teeth brushed in the morning without someone yelling, "Mom, I need toilet paper" and another one yelling, "Mom, where's my shoe". And then, when we do finally get to the breakfast table... someone spills their milk. I don't think that I have made it a full day in the past seven years without wiping up some sort of spill. And yet, I can smile and give thanks

GENE NIESE AND TOM MANGETTE RETIRE FROM PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Paulding, OH, having a recognition reception for two employees who will be retiring in 2008. Pictured (from left) are Gene Niese of Columbus Grove, retiring after 35 years and Tom Mangette of rural Haviland, retiring after 10 years of service. Friends and family are encouraged to stop into the Paulding office at 910 N. Williams on Friday, April 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m

that we have indoor plumbing, shoes, and milk.

It is amazing how God stretches the physical and mental abilities of mothers. When I had a 15-month old and newborn twins, I felt like an octopus mother. Although I only had two arms, it was amazing what two arms, ten fingers and ten toes could do at the same time. And the mental gifts that God has showered on mothers are truly remarkable! Moms are walking computers recording dates, times, weights, deadlines, recipes, sizes, menus, and ballgame times. Although all the responsibilities often seem too hard to bear, God gives us a friend to help with carpooling, a special price on a food item that everyone in the family will eat, and a snow day when the big project didn't get finished the night before.

I must admit, however, that patience is what I struggle with the most in giving thanks. It is the child who doesn't want to follow directions, the pokey puppy, or the lovely "huh"! complete with hand on hip... at age 5! These actions make me crazy! They make a mother fall to her knees and ask for guidance. Each time that I turn to God for guidance, He gives me the knowledge and words to administer the appropriate discipline. The "I'm sorry," "I forgive you," and the "I love you" that follow truly does make a mother want to "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for His mercy endures forever."

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS TIME: FREE CANCER SCREENING KITS

The Paulding County Health Department offers Colorectal Screening kits to those 50 years and older. The kits are available throughout the year at no charge. Directions on the kit should be followed; and then the kit should be returned to the Health Department for processing.

According to the US Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. among cancers that affect both men and women. The U.S. Preventative Task Force and other national organizations recommend that persons age 50 and above be screened for colorectal cancer using one or more of the following methods: FOBT-fecal occult blood testing

(colorectal screening kits) every year, sigmoidoscopy or double contrast barium enema every five years, or colonoscopy every 10 years.

In 2004 a total of 145,083 cases of colorectal cancer were diagnosed in U.S. adults, and 53,000 died from this disease. Regular screening can reduce the incidence of and the illness from this disease. Approximately 40% of U.S. residents who should be screened according to national guidelines for colorectal cancer have not been screened. When colorectal cancer is found and treated, the relative survival rate is 90% according to SEER Cancer Statistics Review.

Colorectal cancer first develops with few, if any, symptoms. However, if symptoms are present, they may include:

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- Unexplained weight loss
- Chronic fatigue

These symptoms can also be associated with many other health conditions. If you have any of these symptoms, discuss them with your doctor so that he can help determine why you are having them.

You may pick up your free kit at the Paulding County Health Department at 800 E. Perry St. in Paulding. For information call 419-399-3921 or 1-866-399-3921 (toll free).

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 - 4/6 - Eugene Vance, Paulding
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- 3/31 - Joyce Russell, Defiance; Jeffrey Conley, Antwerp; Lucile Shealy, Payne; Leslie LeMieux, Sr., Paulding
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ANTWERP CHURCH OF CHRIST JUNIOR BIBLE BOWLERS PLACE THIRD AT DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT



The Antwerp Church of Christ Bible Bowl teams closed out the year at the final event hosted by Christ's Church at Georgetown on Saturday, April 5. The Jr. team placed third in the final meet. The team consisted of three students, Joshua Steiner, Maria Bradbury and Jarrison Steiner. This was only the second time the team did not place first for the year.

The church also has a senior team, which consisted of Sara Trauterman and Hannah Butcher, but they were not able to compete on the final date.

BUEHRER ENCOURAGES SUPPORT OF BILL TO PROTECT HONOR, REPUTATION OF OHIO SOLDIERS

COLUMBUS—State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) gave sponsor testimony before the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee on Criminal Justice this morning, urging his fellow lawmakers to support Senate Bill 263, legislation that works to uphold the reputation and honor of the brave servicemen and women who have died defending our country.

SB 263 would make the unlawful use of a deceased soldier's persona a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio law. The bill was prompted by pleas from military families upset that their loved ones' names and photos were being used to make a profit on T-shirts, phone cards and other products.

"The Ohio General Assembly has taken great strides to see that our military per-

sonnel return home with the honor and respect they deserve. However, sadly, many will never live to enjoy the benefits of their efforts," explained Buehrer. "The least we can do is ensure the honor of their memory."

In a recent case, a man in Arizona was selling T-shirts online that listed the names of the more than 3,150 U.S. military personnel who have bravely given their lives during the War on Terror. The shirts use the names to spell out an anti-war message.

"The names listed on these t-shirts belong to soldiers who have given their lives in service of their country. No one can know how these heroes felt about the war, and no one has the right to usurp their memory for personal gain," said Buehrer. "We cannot allow their sacrifice to be cheapened by the quest to make a dollar."

Buehrer noted that Arizona, Florida and Louisiana have already passed similar measures.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Raeley Christine Franklin was welcomed into the world on March 29, 2008 by her parents, Bradley and Lindsay Franklin of Antwerp. She was born at 3:17 a.m., weighed 7lb. 3oz. and was 19½ inches long. Raeley has a big sister at home, Summer Jo.

Proud grandparents are Steve and Marsha Franklin of Antwerp, Bob and Deb Woodard of Antwerp, and Rick and Chris Steffens of Antwerp.

Proud great-grandparents are Vaughn and Kathleen Franklin of Antwerp, Clayton and Marjorie Howell of Paulding, Paul Gerencser of Antwerp and Marilyn Steffens of Defiance.

19TH ANNUAL "HAND IN HAND" CHILD CARE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED

The 19th annual "Hand in Hand" Child Care Conference will be held April 19 at Northwest State Community College. The keynote speaker this year will be Mark Wilder who will present "Sing what you, know, Sing what you feel!" emphasizing the importance of incorporating open ended musical experiences into a child's every day routine. Wilder is a songwriter, performer, recording artist, and music educator.

The event is sponsored by Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission and Northwest State Community College. The Child Care Conference is held each year to provide training to individuals that care for children either in their homes or in center-based settings. This year, the conference will offer two separate workshop tracks. One will offer trainings that qualify for the Step Up To Quality program. The other will have Wilder speaking in the early morning and other sessions related to childhood development the rest of the day. For more information, contact Heidi Keween at 419-784-2150, ext. 1110, or 1-800-686-2964.

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Paulding Baseball Association will host a free Aquafina® Major League Baseball® Pitch, Hit, & Run™ Competition for area youth.

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The individual Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions, along with the All-Around Champion in each age group at the Local Competition will be awarded and advance to the Sectional

Level of Competition.

All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. For questions concerning the competition, please contact your local coordinator, Marsha or Bob Bland at 419-594-3188 or mjbland@hotmail.com.

WORKING TO REDUCE FUEL COSTS

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

No Ohioan has been immune from the impact of rising energy prices. High costs at the pump have cut into family budgets. Businesses have seen their shipping costs jump which often translates to higher prices for consumers. Construction costs have also increased, affecting the state's ability to go forward with important highway projects and cutting into many companies' resources to expand their facilities and create jobs.

Looking to reduce this financial burden while helping to spur economic growth, during the 126th General Assembly, I sponsored and successfully passed House Bill 371, legislation which established the Fuel Production Task Force. This 13-member, bipartisan group of lawmakers, state agency leaders and representatives from the agriculture and energy industries are charged with investigating opportunities to increase the number of oil refineries in the state and expand the use of agriculture products to help meet our long-term energy needs. Task force members will present their findings to the Governor and legislative leaders after 180 days.

In February, I was elected by my colleagues to chair the Fuel Production Task Force. Since that time, we have heard from many interested parties and experts in the petroleum and agriculture industries, as well as the director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. These experts helped frame Ohio's current energy situation and explained what it would take for the state to increase fuel production and boost development and use of alternative energy resources.

The need for more refinery capacity in Ohio was evident last spring, when gas prices spiked to record levels in some areas of Ohio, as refineries that provide gasoline for much of the Midwest were shut down for routine maintenance. By bringing more fuel refineries to the state, we would help reduce fuel costs for consumers and create jobs in the process. In fact, Ohio currently has four refineries that employ thousands of Ohioans, including BP's refinery in Toledo, which has more than 800 workers, the Exxon/Sunoco facility in Toledo and the Husky Refinery in Lima. According to a representative from the petroleum industry, a number of other companies are interested in investing in Ohio refineries.

In addition, with a strong agricultural industry, Ohio has tremendous potential to expand our role in the alternative energy sector. We are one of the leading producers of corn and soybeans. We also have other resources like grasses, wood, manure and municipal wastes that have good potential for use in

manufacturing fuel.

One agriculture industry representative applauded several steps the legislature has taken to expand alternative fuel production in the state, including grants and other incentives for retailers to install biofuel pumps, investments in alternative energy infrastructure and a grant program to encourage schools to use B20 fuel in their buses. In addition, a number of ethanol and biodiesel plants have sprouted up across the state, particularly in northwest Ohio.

However, this positive news was countered by a gentleman from American Ag Fuels in Defiance, who explained that Ohio lags behind states like Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania in the amount of incentives available to businesses to advance the use and production of renewable fuels. In addition, some witnesses talked about the difficulty that bio-fuels companies have had in clearing regulatory hurdles with the EPA and the Department of Development. These witnesses also stressed the importance of a strong transportation and logistics system to attracting new development.

In the task force's second meeting, we invited Ohio EPA Director, Chris Korleski, to speak about the state's environmental regulatory structure and its impact on fuel production facilities. He said the EPA's most significant regulatory duty is permitting. For instance, fuel production companies are required to have the appropriate water and air permits before construction or expansion of a facility can begin. Then, once a company is operating, the agency must conduct regular inspections to ensure they are complying with each permit. He also discussed steps prospective companies can take to ease the burden and pace of this permitting process.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to hearing testimony from several other stakeholders, as my colleagues and I move forward with a plan to help reduce fuel costs in the short-term, while exploring the use of alternative resources to meet our future energy needs.



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The available dogs can be viewed at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH79.html

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This week's featured pets are Sassy and Snoopy. Sassy and Snoopy are one year old beagle jacks. They are brother and sister and need a special home. Snoopy is completely deaf and will need special training to help him learn.

—Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

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“FROM THE VANTAGE POINT”: EARLY CHILDHOOD & CULINARY STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION



Vantage Cosmetology senior Casey Dull from Wayne Trace, explains how she built a miniature replica of a salon “Casey’s Classic Cuts” for her Senior Capstone project.

On Friday, March 28, the hallways at Vantage were filled with anticipation as the Vantage seniors presented their Senior Capstone Projects to teachers, staff and community members. The Senior Capstone Project is a part of the student’s final year at Vantage. The project integrates the skills, concepts, and data from the student’s program of study into one culminating project. This is a three-part process: a written research paper, a project or product created outside of the normal school day, and a formal oral presentation using PowerPoint technology on a Smart Board in front of a panel of adult judges and Vantage juniors. Each student had the opportunity to demonstrate a significant personal and academic growth.

Emotions were running high—anxiety, eagerness and doubt—as the students reviewed their notes in the hallway just before the presentations began. Beth Evans, senior English teacher said, “The Senior Capstone project provides an opportunity for making the last two years of high school meaningful and practical. The Senior Capstone Presentation Day is filled with much excitement and anticipation. For most of our seniors, this day is a positive and memorable experience... one they will never forget.”

It was obvious that many had devoted a great deal of time to their projects and were very proud of them. Here are just a few examples of the projects that were presented.

Timna Klopfenstein, a Health Careers student from Wayne Trace presented her findings on embryo adoption. Jon Young’s senior project was an act of brotherly love. Jon, an Auto Body senior from Lincolnview, completely restored a go cart in memory of his younger brother Michael, who passed away in 2006. “It just seemed like the right thing for me to do. It was emotionally tough to work on the project, though. But it was good.”

Adam Null, a Building & Grounds Maintenance student from Van Wert, built a raised garden area at Hearth and Home Assisted Living Center in Van Wert, so that residents confined to wheelchairs could also have an opportunity to grow vegetables and flowers. Van Wert’s Jake York, a senior in Electricity, worked with classmate Ryan Bickle as they built a remote control lawnmower. Jake said, “Doing the Senior Project taught me about electrical controls, but it was more than that. It taught me to be positive, never give up and not to procrastinate.” Katie Pavel, a senior from Ft. Jennings in the Culinary Arts program expanded on her state-qualifying FCCLA entrepreneurship project by incorporating sugar free desserts at “Chocolates Galore” – her candy store. “I wanted to find out more about diabetes. The senior project also taught me to work hard, don’t give up and how to speak in front of a group. I was so nervous, but when I started talking I was OK.” Darci Ripke, a Cosmetology senior from Paulding created an informational video on “hair loss” using Mov-



Vantage Ag Diesel senior Calvin Sinn from Wayne Trace shows off the 1941 John Deere Model A tractor he restored and painted for his Senior Capstone project.

ieMaker software.

In the business wing, Holden Profit, a Network Systems senior from Antwerp, took his love for comics to a new level as he created and wrote several pages of a comic

book. He drew the artwork on the computer and then began the long process of adding layers of color to each drawing. Linsey Mosier, a Van Wert senior in the Interactive Media program, chose to make a scrapbook on the evolution of photography – from its beginnings to the digital age. Parkway’s Katie Diment, a senior in the Medical Office Management program, created a literacy incentive program for all Vantage English classes.

Daran Elston, an Industrial Mechanics senior from Continental built a metal turning table. “I learned that I can really accomplish something – and it felt great when I was done!” Frank Hempker, a Welding student from Delphos Jefferson, built and welded an aluminum biplane. Thomas McMichael, a Paulding senior in the Precision Machining program made a metal hitch plate for a Z71 truck. Nathen Goodwin, a senior from Parkway in the Auto Technology program rebuilt a truck engine. Chris Bayus, a Van Wert senior in the Electricity program built and wired a dragstrip Christmas tree reaction time

SPRING SPORTS JUMP TO LIFE



Paulding’s Sophomore, Maycee Adams, puts all of her effort into catching the ball to get Wayne Trace Senior Ashley King out at first. Paulding opposed Wayne Trace in Softball on Thursday, April 3. Paulding won 6-2. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding hosted a track & field event on a cold Thursday, April 3. Panther Senior Tiffany Razo is shown here participating in the high-jump. She won this event. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



At the same track & field event as above Paulding’s #26 Grant Harder did very well in Long Jump. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



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game. Tyler Miller, a Lincolnview Carpentry senior, designed and built a beautiful oak bookcase. Casey Dull, a Cosmetology student from Wayne Trace, designed and built a miniature hair salon, “Casey’s Classic Cuts”.

During their formal oral presentation, all the seniors explained the processes they went through in developing their project, the expectations they had, problems or challenges that they encountered along the way, how long it took them to complete the project and what they really learned from the project.

Juniors were able to observe the seniors during their presentations this year. All the seniors had the same piece of advice to the juniors, “Start early, don’t procrastinate and choose a topic that interests you.”

In addition to Vantage staff members, nearly forty business and community members, business and industry partners and advisory committee members took the time to observe and evaluate these seniors. Several home school principals and guidance counselors were also in attendance this year. Dr. J. Terrance Davis, from Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus even made the two hour trip to observe Kaitlin Lindeman’s senior project on aortic stenosis!

The Vantage Senior Capstone Projects were unique, distinctive and interesting.

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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

SOFTBALL: PAULDING VS. WAYNE TRACE

Paulding and Wayne Trace went head to head in softball action on Thursday, April 3. Final score was Paulding 6, Wayne Trace 2.

WP - Kelsey Carnahan (7 innings, 6 hits, 1 K, 5 BB, 1 ER)

LP - Marcie McDougle (7 innings, 8 hits, 4 K, 2 BB, 3 ER)

Top Hitters:
Paulding - Jessica Carnahan (two hits, RBI, run), Kayla Gawronski (2 runs), Schlegel (two hits, run)

Wayne Trace - Ashley King (double, single, run), Becky Ruble (two singles)
Records - Paulding 1-0, Wayne Trace 0-1

ing a triple) for Antwerp. Nofzinger took the win for the Cadets and Kyle Proxmire got the loss for the Archers. The Archers are scheduled to open up the GMC season at Booster field Thursday, April 10 at 4:30.

At home the Antwerp Archer JV team defeated Edon 7-3. Pitchers combining for the win were Dustin Sensabaugh, Tanner Copsey, Andy Jones, Shaile Chamberlain and Logan Lucas. Jordan Koppenhofer was the leading hitter for the JV Archers.

-Tim Peffley

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/9 THROUGH 4/15

Breakfast:

4/9 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk

4/10 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk

4/11 - Turnover, milk

4/14 - Pizza, milk

4/15 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

Lunch:

4/9 - Turkey roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, yum yum cake w/whipped topping, milk

4/10 - Pizza—cheese or pepperoni, tossed salad, peanut butter fudge, applesauce, milk

4/11 - Breaded chicken sandwich, fries, sherbet, milk

4/14 - Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, peaches, milk; WT: cheese-burger sandwich, fries

4/15 - Chicken/noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, mandarin oranges, milk



POSTAL PAL VISITS ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

What will you be when you grow up? Perhaps a mail carrier like our friend, Char Eldridge. Our Postal Pal visited Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool on "P" day and told us all about her job! We then had to lift her bag to see how heavy it was! We decided it was VERY heavy and it would

take a lot of muscles to walk as far as she does carrying all that mail for us.

Shown here in the back of Char's mail truck from the left are: Landyn Reyes, Kirslynn Camposano and Leigha Egnor. These children are in the afternoon group of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK: TINORA/ANTWERP/WAYNE TRACE

Team scores: Tinora 100-1/2, Antwerp 61-1/2, Wayne Trace 13

Individual stats:
3200 Relay - Tinora 9:21.8, Antwerp 9:32

110 Hurdles - DeLong (A) 17.8, Benecke (T) 18.2, Stollsteimer (T) 20.2, Moser (T) 21.2

100 Dash - Herendeen (T) 11.9, Wagner (T) 12.3, Stokey (T) 12.9, Arnold (A) 13.0

1600 Run - Krick (A) 5:01.5, Gerken (T) 5:06.2, Harpest (T) 5:21.8, Klopfenstein (WT) 5:26.2

800 Relay - Tinora 1:39, Antwerp 1:44

400 Relay - Tinora 47.4, Antwerp 50.5

400 Dash - Zuber (A) 59.3, Henry (A) 59.3, Hartman (WT) 1:00.8, Harris (WT) 1:02.8

300 Hurdles - Benecke (T) 45.0, Stollsteimer (T) 48.0, DeLong (A) 48.3, Woodard (A) 49.6

800 Run - Diplard (T) 2:15.7, Reinhart (A) 2:20.8, Walk (A) 2:21.9, Cirafucci (A) 2:28.0

200 Dash - Herendeen (T) 24.1, Wagner (T) 24.2, Arnold (A) 26.0, Ankney (T) 26.0

3200 Run - Gerken (T) 11:21.0, Krick (A) 11:24.3, Harpest (T) 11:40.1, Irwin (WT) 12:11.3

1600 Relay - Antwerp 3:47, Tinora 3:52

Long Jump - Herendeen (T) 19-10, Wagner (WT) 19-2, Arnold (A) 17-7-1/2, Laney (A) 16-11-1/2

Shot Put - Bussing (T) 40-9, Clay (T) 32-6-1/2, Reuille (WT) 31-11-1/2, Bok (A) 31-9-3/4

Discus - Clay (T) 107-2, Bussing (T) 99-2, Bok (A) 95-0, Coomer (WT) 70-4

Pole Vault - Klopfenstein (WT) 10-6, Laney (A) 10-6, Fuller (T) 9-0, Coburn (T) and Kimmel (A) (tied) 8-6

High Jump - Wagner (T) 5-6, Bedecker (A) 5-4, DeLong (A) 5-4, Garmyn (T) 5-2

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK: ANTWERP/TINORA/WAYNE TRACE

Team scores: Tinora 103-1/2, Wayne Trace 37-1/2, Antwerp 31

Individual stats:
3200 Relay - Antwerp 12:40

100 Hurdles - Brambaugh (T) 18.4, Vail (A) 20.4, Aschmeier (T) 21.9, Benecke (T) 22.0

100 Dash - Cordi (T) 14.3, McCann (T) 14.3, Erin (WT) 17.7, Kemerer (A) 18.5

1600 Run - Stoller (WT)

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Richard G. Smith, M.D., Ear, Nose and Throat
The Medical Group of Ft Wayne, Cardiology/
Echocardiograms, (The Heart Center)
Kim Molitor, Audiologist

Wednesday
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology
(every other Wed.) (see spotlight on left)
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms
(every other Wed.)
Sleep Incenter, James Gray, D.O. (every other Wed.)
Craig Hanson, M.D., OB/Gynecology (every Wed.)
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care

Thursday
The Medical Group of Ft. Wayne, Cardiology/
Echocardiograms (The Heart Center)
Ft. Wayne Neurological Center, Neurosurgery
Samuel Neuschwanger, D.P.M., Podiatry
Kim Molitor, Audiologist
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care

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HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT WOULD PUT UNHEALTHY BURDEN ON OHIO BUSINESSES

Capitol Letters Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Over the past several months, a coalition of labor and social service organizations has canvassed the country, working to rally support for a proposal called the "Healthy Families Act". This initiative would require businesses to grant their employees a certain number of paid sick days each year. In Ohio, which is one of several states in which the scheme is being promoted, the issue has been at the heart of much discussion and debate, and I have received dozens of letters from constituents in the 1st Senate District and other areas of the state, who have voiced their support or opposition.

In December 2007, backers of the Healthy Families Act wrapped up a campaign in communities across Ohio to collect signatures from enough registered voters to put an initiative before the General Assembly that would mandate Ohio businesses with 25 or more employees provide at least seven paid sick days a year. Part-time employees could earn a prorated number of sick days based on the number of hours they work. The legislature has until May 8th to approve the measure. If it does not pass, the coalition could circulate another round of petitions to place a constitutional amendment on the November ballot.

Those in favor of the proposal argue that a lack of mandatory paid sick days forces millions of Ohio workers to make the difficult decision between collecting a full paycheck and staying home to take care of themselves or their ill children. Supporters cite stories of parents who have lost income because their sick days wouldn't cover a trip to the hospital for their child. Others talk about friends or coworkers who choose to come to work sick because they do not have paid leave, putting fellow employees at risk of infection.

While these poignant arguments are compelling, the General Assembly's role is to consider all the possible ramifications of a proposal, including its long-term impact on our economy and communities. The Healthy Families Act is one of these emotional issues that may appear like a good idea on the surface but, in reality, would do more harm than good to our state.

As your state senator, I have placed my highest priority on improving Ohio's economy and job climate. Ohio must be prepared to compete with other states and nations around the world. The need for this focus could not be clearer as our economy faces troubling times. More mandates, without any measurable benefit, that make Ohio a less attractive place to grow a business must be rejected. Passing a bill that would put more restrictions on Ohio businesses would hinder growth and threaten the strength of Ohio's economic future.

I have heard from several business owners who have expressed tremendous concern with the Ohio Healthy Families Act. Many companies are

already struggling to survive, while others may be on the verge of investing in a new facility or hiring new employees. Government-mandated paid sick days could stall these important development projects or force struggling businesses to make cuts in staff or reduce non-mandated benefits like health care and vacation. Ultimately, the impact on workers could be less flexibility and less benefits.

While I sympathize with the stories told by supporters of the sick day proposal, I am also committed to furthering policies that will produce jobs in our communities and lead to economic development projects across Ohio. Therefore, I oppose the Ohio Healthy Families Act. It is an unnecessary government mandate that would cost Ohio jobs and opportunity.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK - MAY 10, 2008

Are you female over 40? Have you had your yearly mammogram? Was October too busy of a time for you to get one? Why not get one now—it's close to Mother's Day—give yourself and the ones you love a gift of peace of mind. Many women find reasons not to have yearly mammograms—they hurt, I won't be the one to get breast cancer, I am just too busy, I don't have insurance...

The American Cancer Society says an annual mammogram starting at age 40 is your best defense against breast cancer. Nearly all breast cancers can be treated successfully if detected early.

There are free mammograms for uninsured and under insured women over 40 check with your doctor or hospital.

I am only one of the thousands of women who has heard these words, "You have breast cancer." I am also one of the millions of daughters who has watched their mother fight and lose her battle with breast cancer. I never really knew where she got her strength to fight or how she could be so sick and smile. Or how she remembered to put others before her own illness. I watched her keep God first and family second and herself last. She never stopped helping others her glow just grew brighter. I watched my father the way he loved her more than life, it seemed. He never felt sorry for her or himself. Time took its toll on him just as if he were the one sick. At times he was drained from doctors, treatments, hospital stays, but not one complaint—just love for her—the type of love that you see only in the movies and pray you'll have someday with someone.

I am one of the millions of women the American Cancer Society has helped. They offer consulting, information, even a patience advocate. They've helped me with transportation costs to and from, the Look Good Feel Better Pro-

gram, Reach to Recovery Program and introduced me to the "Sister Study". My sisters, Judy and Melody, are doing this study for women whose mother or sister who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

I am one of the thousands of women doing clinical trial studies supported by the American Cancer Society. In hope that it will help find the cure. I never want my daughters or anyone else's daughter to hear, "You have breast cancer."

What's the scoop on clinical trials?

Most people have heard about clinical trials in medicine. To some people they sound like a wonderful opportunity, while to others they sound scary and intimidating.

Clinical trials are research studies that involve people. The research is used to answer questions that can lead to better ways to help prevent, diagnose, and treat diseases. Participants in clinical trials may be among the first to benefit from new treatment, and they have a chance to help others: Today, most treatments for cancer are based on the results of earlier clinical trials.

Clinical trials are not for everyone. There are benefits and risks that each person should understand and evaluate. One important thing to know is that many safeguards are in place for people who join cancer trials. These safeguards help ensure that the studies are run in an ethical manner, protecting the rights and safety of patients.

Cancer patients interested in joining a clinical trial can go to the American Cancer Society Clinical Trials Matching Service at www.cancer.org/clinical or call 1-800-303-5691. The service is free.

I am only one of the thousands of women, men, and children walking in the American Cancer Society's "Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk" on May 10, 2008. I am only one making a small difference.

I am asking you to support this walk, support me, your mother, your daughter, and your friend. You can join my team of walkers, "Small Town Mamas". To make an online donation, go to <http://main.acevents.org/smalltownmamas1> or contact Teresa Mosier at 419-258-2044 for donation forms, check or cash donations.

ODOT OFFICIALLY KICKS OFF \$2.5 BILLION 2008-2009 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

DAYTON—Standing in front of the construction equipment that will soon be used to modernize Interstate 75 through downtown Dayton, the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) officially kicked off the department's historic 2008-2009 Construction Season, highlighted by nearly 1,000 different construction projects all across Ohio, with a total investment by the state of \$2.5 billion.

"Over the next year and a half, ODOT plans to oversee \$2.5 billion in construction contract awards—the largest amount ever awarded in that time frame," said Director James Beasley. "We are investing in what truly matters to Ohio, targeting the state's resources at our greatest

needs and our greatest opportunities."

Topping the statewide list of construction projects are 80 interstate construction projects totaling approximately \$605 million and 823 paving and rehabilitation projects on state and U.S. routes totaling more than \$1.1 billion.

Other highlights of the 2008-2009 ODOT construction season include:

—The largest state project set to sell is a major reconstruction project in Warren County on I-75 between the city of Middletown and the Montgomery county line. The \$154.5 million project includes the addition of an extra lane of traffic in both directions. This will complement work already underway on I-75 in Butler County north to State Route 122.

—The second-largest project set to sell is the modernization of State Route 2 along Lake Erie, adding capacity to one of the Cleveland area's most heavily traveled thoroughfares stretching across Eastlake, Willoughby, and Mentor.

—Work is well underway on I-75 in Dayton to realign the interstate at State Route 4, removing dangerous ramps and reducing crossover traffic. ODOT is also deploying new traffic monitoring equipment which will warn motorists of congestion in the construction zone.

—Work will be completed this year on the State Route 161 widening project from the eastern edge of Franklin County to Licking County. In recent years, the SR 161 corridor has become a vital link to commuters and communities in Franklin, Delaware and Licking counties. It's also becoming one of the most congested.

In addition to showcasing the state's largest and more unique projects, the event also spotlighted the department's efforts to envision a multi-modal transportation system—connecting highways, aviation, railroads, waterways and transit—for Ohio's future.

"In the coming days, we will be announcing the launch of Ohio 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force," added Director Beasley. "We will bring all Ohioans to the table to determine our transportation priorities: balancing the movement of people and freight, promoting safety and reducing congestion, creating jobs and encouraging responsible growth, helping build sustainable communities, and linking all our modes to meet our mission."

Director Beasley also pointed out that the task force will be charged with identifying the fairest way to finance Ohio's transportation system of the future, finding new funding tools for state and local governments, and innovative ways to partner with the private sector.

Up-to-date information about the 2008 construction season can be found at www.buckeyetraffic.org. ODOT is also distributing its 2008 Interstate Construction Brochure, a useful tool to help motorists plan ahead for local and statewide travel.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Woodburn Com-

munity Historical Society meeting will be held at the Woodburn Library on April 17 at 7:00. Paul Bunnell will be present to show a CD of the Anthony Wayne Trail. Paul is a retired minister and fills in at different churches. Someone from one of the churches commented that they didn't know much about the Anthony Wayne Trail so he decided to make a study of it. Now he's sharing it with those who are interested in Ohio History.

INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT DISCUSSED AT PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey met with Commissioners for the bid opening for County and Township road striping. The project was awarded to Aero Mark, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000.00.

County Auditor, Susan Simpson updated the Commissioners on activity in her office. Susan is working on an Encumbrance Manual. This document will be used as a guide for proper procedures to meet audit standards. Having this manual will help those unfamiliar with the process.

Commissioners met with Okie Fitch to discuss the Bee Tree Run Ditch Cleaning project. Mr. Fitch questioned whether his property was in this watershed. All property is in a designated watershed area. This is determined by the flow of the land or the direction of the drainage. It was felt Mr. Fitch's property was, indeed, in this watershed.

The Communication Tower Committee met to review the minimum requirements to allow cell phone service companies to occupy space on the county tower.

The Elected Officials met to review the current income and expenses report. County Treasurer, Lou Ann Wannemacher reported that income from sales tax is running ahead of last year at his point. Although above last year, the three month total of \$432,670 is just below the level the county received in 2005 for the same period. Expenses continue to be a problem for the same reasons that affect our citizens' budgets (cost of fuel, heat, electric cost, health insurance, cost of services, etc.).

Commissioners met with Jim Lopshire and Sylvia Altenberger from OSU Extension to review programs provided by OSU. The 4H program is providing instruction and education to many youth in the county. This provides the youth with work habits and leadership skills they can use throughout their adult lives. Other programs looked at were the Family Nutrition, Parenting, Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs.

Commissioners met with their counterparts from Henry, Fulton, and Defiance Counties to discuss a Regional Port Authority. Formation of the Northwest Regional Port Authority would assist local economic development in areas currently not available on a county level.

The committee to improve the War Monument at the Antwerp Park met to discuss the progress to date. Commissioners are currently working with this group to assist in the improvements to the area. The monument was dedicated

90 years ago and is in need of repair and improvement.

Commissioners attended the Blue Creek Township meeting to discuss the impact of the proposed Confined Animal Feeding Operations in their township. Several citizens expressed concern for the area and the changes that will take place in their township.

BUEHRER RECOGNIZED BY OHIO SPORTSMEN AS CONSERVATION LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

COLUMBUS—State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) was recently recognized as a champion of conservation and sportsman issues for his dedicated work in the General Assembly to strengthen wildlife management programs.

The League of Ohio Sportsmen presented Sen. Buehrer with the group's Conservation Legislator of the Year award at their annual Conservation Awards Banquet in Columbus. Since 1908, the League has worked to support conservation, restoration and education efforts that encourage the wise use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including sound wildlife management.

"I am humbled to be recognized by my fellow Ohio sportsmen as the recipient of this important award," said Sen. Buehrer. "The sportsmen and women of Ohio are real people in communities across this state and to receive this prestigious award from them is a real honor."

Among his legislative efforts, Buehrer sponsored House Bill 296 during the 126th General Assembly, which created the apprentice-hunting license program in Ohio. Introduced in an effort to promote hunting to a new, younger audience, the bill allows a person with an apprentice license to hunt before completing hunter education courses as long as they are accompanied by a fully licensed mentor, 21 years or older. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, more than 8,000 young hunters have taken advantage of the program.

Buehrer explained that while hunting is often valued as a sport, it also has a tremendous impact on our economy and the environment. In fact, in 2006 alone, more than \$1.2 billion from hunting and fishing license sales across the U.S. was used to help state wildlife agencies acquire, maintain and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

"Ohio's hunters are as much sportsmen as they are conservationists. By encouraging young people to participate, we not only give them the opportunity to learn a new skill and spend time outdoors with family, but help educate an entire generation of Ohioans about the importance of managing our wildlife habitat and protecting other natural resources," said Buehrer. "I am honored to receive this award and will continue to support conservation and hunter education efforts in the Senate."

PROVINES - WALTERS



Craig Allen Walters and Nicole Elaine Provines are happy to announce their upcoming marriage on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 1:30 in the afternoon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antwerp. The groom-to-be is the son of Susan Arnold and Chris

Walters both of Antwerp. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Thomas Rinehart of Hicksville and the late Jewell A. Rinehart. The couple are looking forward to sharing their special day with friends and family.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/9 THROUGH 4/15

MS/HS - Breakfast
 4/9 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 4/10 - Cinnamon twist or coffee cake, juice, milk
 4/11 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 4/14 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 4/15 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch
 4/9 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or grilled chicken on a bun, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk
 4/10 - Ham & cheese, stromboli, broccoli cheese soup, assorted fruit, milk
 4/11 - Footlong chili dog, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 4/14 - Chicken tender bowl, dinner roll or pepperoni pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk

4/15 - Sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch

4/9 - Rib-e-que on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 4/10 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, fruit cup, milk
 4/11 - Hamburger on a bun, french fries, fruit cup, milk
 4/14 - Breaded chicken on a bun, broccoli w/cheese, fruit cup, milk

4/15 - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup w/ crackers, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch

4/9 - Rotini w/meat sauce, lettuce salad, bread, fruit, milk
 4/10 - Potato soup w/ham & cheese, crackers, fruit, milk
 4/11 - Toasted cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, fruit, milk

4/14 - Hamburger on a bun, pickles, vegetable, fruit, milk
 4/15 - Cheese filled bread stick w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

NOCAC SEEKS REPRESENTATIVE OF PAULDING COUNTY TO SERVE ON GOVERNING BOARD

On Tuesday, April 22 at 11:45 a.m. Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) will hold an election at the Paulding County Senior Center located at 401 E. Jackson St. in Paulding to elect a low-income representative to serve on the NOCAC Board.

The person elected will represent the interests of low-income residents of Paulding County. NOCAC Board members provide input regarding the needs of the people they represent. This information is used to determine services, programs, and in setting goals and policies for NOCAC.

Persons may be interested in serving on the NOCAC Board if they:

1. Are interested in helping low-income people to become or remain self-sufficient.
2. Are able to attend the Board meetings which are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the NOCAC office in Defiance (mileage and child care reimbursement will be available for Board members who are low-income themselves)
3. Will be an "involved" Board member.

NOCAC offers programming such as the Head Start Preschool program, Early Learning Initiative, Individual Development Accounts, Weatherization and Energy Assistance, Emergency Services, Homelessness Assistance and Emergency Home Repair and operates the Paulding County Senior Center which provides dining center meals, home delivered meals, transportation and educational programs and health clinics.

If you currently qualify for any public assistance or NOCAC programs, we encourage you to attend this election. The person selected will be representing your interests. Your input is very important to NOCAC.

Only low-income individuals can vote, but anyone regardless of income can be elected.

If you are interested in becoming a Board Member or have any questions, please contact Deb Gerken at 1-800-686-2964, ext. 1101.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/9 THROUGH 4/15

4/9 - Corn dog or chicken fajita, baked beans, pretzels, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pie

4/10 - Pizzaburger or grilled chicken on bun, peach crisp, corn, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

4/11 - Fiestada or egg salad sandwich, cole slaw, strawberries, cheese curls, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese w/fruit

4/14 - Smokey on bun or chicken quesadilla, tator tots, dill spear, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

4/15 - Chicken nuggets or vegetable beef soup w/crackers, corn, applesauce, milk; PLUS: salad bar or celery w/peanut butter

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.



Vantage Early Childhood Education students heading to the state FCCLA competition are: (front) Megan Taylor (Crestview) and Amanda Horstman (Ft. Jennings). (Back) Kendra Branham (Paulding), Tiffany Siefker (Delphos Jefferson) and Jennifer Roberts (Wayne Trace).

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": EARLY CHILDHOOD & CULINARY STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION

Vantage Career Center will be well-represented at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) state skills contest in Columbus as ten students advanced from local and regional contests.

Culinary Arts students Katie Pavel (Ft. Jennings) and Chrissy Miller (Van Wert), participated in the FCCLA Entrepreneurship event. They received a Gold award for their project "Chocolates Galore". For the contest, they created a binder that documented their research into opening up a candy store, which included everything from taxes, regulations and codes to advertising and funding.

The Culinary Team - Jessica Detwiler (Continental), Drew Fisher (Delphos St. John's) and Cassie Martinez (Lincolnview) - also received a Gold award for their top finish in the Culinary Team Event. For this competition, students have 75 minutes to plan, prepare, plate and present a complete meal to the judges. This year, they prepared Poached Chicken Princess and sauce, glazed carrots, steamed asparagus, and roasted potatoes. Their dessert was chocolate bar cookies decorated with sifted cocoa and powdered sugar. The students are scored not only on taste and presentation of the food, but also on cleanliness of their work area and communication skills.

The Culinary Arts instructor is Kristy Bidlack. Early Childhood Education students Amanda Horstman (Ft. Jennings) and Tiffany Siefker (Delphos Jefferson) advance to the state competition for their Chapter Service

Project event. The students developed a presentation on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and then held a fundraiser, with the proceeds being donated to the March of Dimes. Jennifer Roberts (Wayne Trace) will be going to state to compete in the Early Childhood event. Jennifer prepared a portfolio and a resource container using "Numbers" as her theme and was judged on an impromptu activity and oral presentation.

Megan Taylor (Crestview), Kendra Branham (Paulding) and Jennifer Roberts (Wayne Trace) will compete in the Early Childhood Teaching Team skill event at the state competition. In this contest, the students will plan, prepare and present developmentally appropriate activities for a preschool session, which integrates specific early childhood content standards and competencies. The Vantage team will use "Seasons" as their theme. The Early Childhood Education instructors are Mary Ann Hall and Linda Morris.

All the students are excited about advancing to the state contest. FCCLA is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life—planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision-making and interpersonal communication—necessary in the home and workplace.

There are still a few openings for high school students in both Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education. If you're interested in finding out more about these or other Vantage programs, please contact Vantage Student Services at 1-800-686-3944 ext. 126.

Congratulations and Good Luck to all student competitors!

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To be offered for sale beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2008, at the Paulding County Auditor's Office in the Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio on which property of the amount of \$3399.84 is currently owed for taxes, with assessments, charges, penalties, interest and costs:

Lot Number Eight (8) in Shirley's Addition to the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County and State of Ohio.

ALSO
A Parcel of land being part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 1 East, Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and also lying within the corporation limits of the Village of Antwerp, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Carryall Township, said point being 238.75 (Two Hundred Thirty-eight and Seventy-five hundredths) feet East of an iron pipe at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27; thence North 1°47'00" East (said bearings being assumed for the purposes of this survey) a distance of 133.00 (One Hundred Thirty-three and zero hundredths) feet to an iron pin, said iron pin being on the Southerly right of way line of Church Street; thence South 88°00'00" East along the Southerly right of way line of Church Street a distance of 122.30 (One Hundred Twenty-two and Thirty Hundredths) feet to an iron pin; thence South 1°47'0" West a distance of 133.00 (One Hundred Thirty-three and zero hundredths) feet to an iron pin on the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27; thence North 88°00'00" West along the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27 a distance of 122.30 (One Hundred Twenty-two and Thirty hundredths) feet to the point of beginning of the parcel herein described,

containing 0.373 acres of land, more or less, subject to all easements and zoning restrictions of record.

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If the tract, lot or part of lot, so forfeited, is sold for an amount that is less than the amount of the delinquent taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, and interest against it, the court, in a separate order, may enter a deficiency judgment against the last owner of record of the tract, lot, or part of lot, before its forfeiture to the state, for the amount, of the difference; if that owner of record is a corporation, the court may enter the deficiency judgment against the stockholder holding a majority of the corporation's stock.

Public Notice is hereby given that all such real property to be sold at public auction may be subject to federal tax lien that may not be extinguished by the sale, and purchasers or any such real property are urged to search the federal tax lien index that is kept by the county recorder to determine notice of a federal tax lien has been filed with respect to any such property.

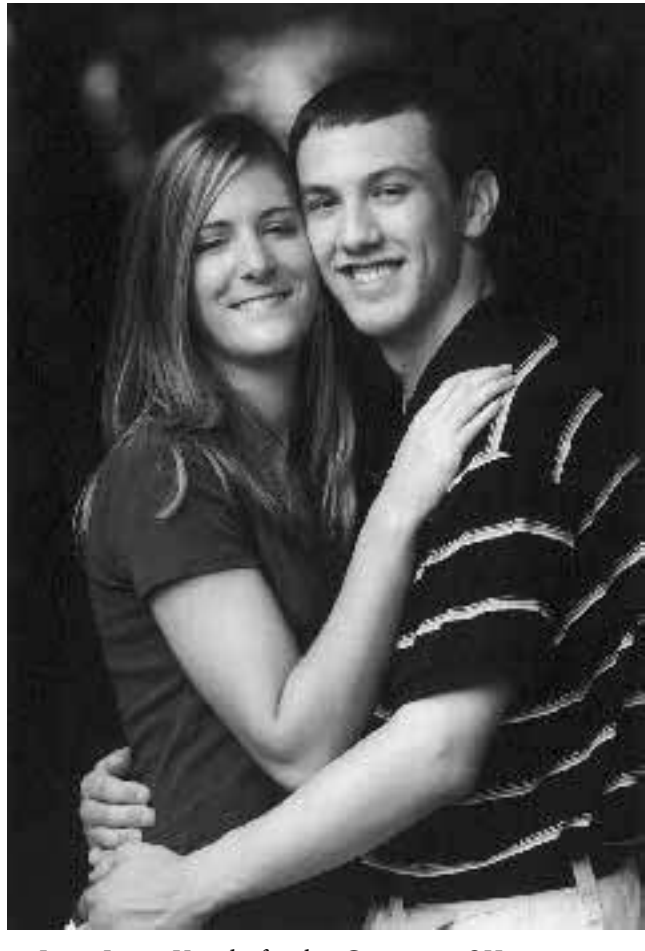
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—Susan K. Simpson
Paulding County Auditor

ODOT ENLISTS ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS TO PREVENT LITTER "CLEAR ACROSS OHIO"

Hoping to prevent a \$4 million problem marring Ohio's highway system, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) kicked off its annual spring litter clean-up this week by enlisting the help of an army of volunteers to prevent litter Clear Across Ohio.

Governor Ted Strickland proclaimed April as "Keep Ohio Beautiful Month". In celebration, ODOT has partnered with Keep Ohio Beautiful on the Great American Cleanup, which officially

UTENDORF - KIPFER



Jaime Lynne Utendorf and Mitchell Paul Kipfer would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on June 21, 2008.

The bride-to-be's parents are James and Linda Utendorf of Grover Hill. Jaime is a 2003 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2007 graduate of Bowling Green State University. She is currently employed as a high school math teacher at New Richmond High School in

Cincinnati, OH.

The groom-to-be's parents are Donald and Marlene Kipfer of Payne. Mitchell is a 2003 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2008 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He is graduating from Bowling Green in May with a degree in accounting & finance.

Their June 21st wedding will be held at St. Barbara's Church in Cloverdale, Ohio.

kicks off statewide with an event Saturday, April 19 at the Street Market in Toledo.

Statewide, ODOT's highway crews collected nearly 10 million pounds of trash in 2007 at a cost of \$4 million in labor and equipment expenses. That's more than 500,000 bags of litter and debris taken off the roads and grassy medians along our state highway system.

"By embracing environmental stewardship, we can all prevent litter Clear Across Ohio," said ODOT Director James Beasley. "To give you some perspective, the \$4 million spent last year to pick up highway litter could have instead been used to pave a new 40 mile two-lane road."

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual community improvement program. Cleanup activities are expected to involve as many as 2.5 million people volunteering more than 8 million hours to clean, beautify and improve 15,000 communities during events in all 50 states.

Ohio also has over 1,400 groups—with at least one group in each county—who have joined ODOT's Adopt-a-Highway program. Volunteer groups adopt a two mile section or an interchange along the state highway system, picking up litter and debris a minimum of four times each year.

If your group is interested in adopting a highway, go online to www.dot.state.oh.us and look for the Adopt-a-Highway icon.

LEARN L-WORDS AT THE LIBRARY'S SPRING STORY TIME IN APRIL & MAY

HICKSVILLE—Learn L-words like lizard, llama, lion, and leopard at the Johnson Memorial Library's spring story time throughout the month of April and beginning of May. Spring story time will begin on April 15. There will be two story time sessions. One will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. while the other will be held on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Spring story time is free and is open to children, three and over. Each week, story time will highlight a different animal that begins with the letter L. The first week will focus on lions while the second week will be llama pajama days, where the kids get to wear their pajamas to the library. The third week will highlight lizards with a special visit from one of our scaly friends, and the last week will be on leopards.

"We're going to be exploring animals that begin with the letter L for this year's spring story time," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "We'll read books about lions, llamas, lizards, and leopards, enjoy a visit from Librarian Dustin Harris' lizard; and we'll spend a day in our pajamas as we read the story *Llama, Llama, Red Pajama*. And besides the stories, we'll enjoy videos, crafts, songs, and games."

Registration is not needed for the story times. Everyone is always welcome. For more information on the spring story times, call or stop by the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

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Situated in the Village of Grover Hill, County of Paulding and the State of Ohio, more particularly described as follows:

BEING Lot Number Ninety-four (94) of the Original Plat of the Village of Grover Hill, Ohio, AND a strip or ground Sixteen feet (16') wide off the North side of Lot Number Ninety-nine (99), Original Plat aforesaid, and running its full length East and West

Said premises are subject to all Village ordinances, to all building and/or zoning regulation; and to all legal road rights-of-way and easements apparent or of record.

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Situated in the County of Paulding, in the State of Ohio, and in the Village of Latty and bounded and described as follows:

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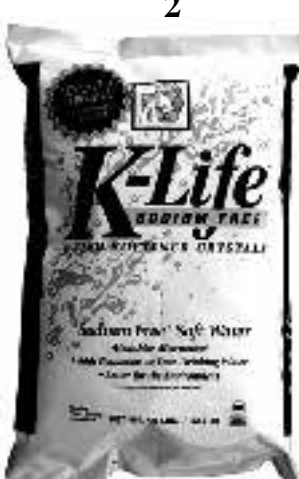
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TWINS CLUB SPRING RESALE: Saturday, April 12, 8am-1pm, Blackhawk Middle School. Children's clothing, maternity, toys, equipment. B14-15

ANKNEY-TOWNLEY Garage Sale: Lots of kids clothes. Boys 18 mo. thru 2T, girls 6m thru size 7, womens S-L, men's XL, toys & lots of misc. items. 16301 SR 111, 2 miles east of 127. April 11, 8:30-4:00. 15-18

NOTICE: A ROAD 192 (River Road) garage sale is being planned for Sat. May 31st from State Line to Forders Bridge. Please call Cheryl Stromski for information and participation. 419-258-2629. Hope to make this an annual event. 15-18

GARAGE SALE: GUN Cabinet, hunting items, 1/2 price Mary Kay products, women and misses clothes, men clothes, boy's newborn through size 5 clothes, toys, toys and more toys, misc. items. 506 North Main St. Antwerp. Fri 4/11, 9-5, Sat 4/12, 8-? 15-18

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, April 18 from 9 A.M. until 6:30 P.M. (starting at 3 P.M. fill a bag for \$4.00) Saturday, April 19 from 9 A.M. until noon, fill a bag for \$2.00. St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church (parish hall) 15529 Lincoln Highway, East New Haven, Indiana. Located 2 miles east of I-469 on U.S. 30, left on Lincoln Hwy. 1 mile. 15-16

NEW DIMENSIONS EXPO

New Dimensions Expo—presenting Alternatives to Balance the Body, Mind, Emotions, and Spirit – will be held Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the DAV Hall, 14292 State Route 111, Defiance, Ohio.

Come and experience a variety of energy balancing techniques including Reiki, aromatherapy, magnetic therapies, sound energy, health kinesiology, ionic footbaths, and hypnosis. Vendors will also be offering hand-made

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Mrs. Bockrath 6B - Katie Back*, Jerika Bland, Tanner Church, Melissa Durham, Tyler Fry, Rachael Kesler, Mallory Laney, Sydney Provines, Dustin Taylor, Derek Varner, Trevor Webb, Meagan Weller*, Mindy Yates

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL THIRD QUARTER 2007-08

THIRD GRADE

All A's - Emma Butzin, Matthew Dooley, Zach McDaniels, Erica Meyer, Derek Reeb, Jaime Ryan, Jarrison Steiner, Maggie Wilson

All A's & B's - Justin Booher, Ashley Bowers, Joshua Ehlinger, Marissa Elkins, Mariah Elkins, Evan Hilton, Becca Johanns, Olivia Miller, Trey Mills, Brandon Pendergrast, Emilee Phillips, Hanna Richey, Arron Romero, Carley DeLong, Kaylee Schroeder, Sydney Sheedy, Peyton Short, Hayden Spryn, McKenzie Turpening

Principal's Award - Halie Roberts, Houston Mansfield

FOURTH GRADE

All A's - Serena Drake, Anne Miesle, Aaron O'Donnell, Iann Roebel, Jacob Sukup, Allison Taylor, Sam Williamson, Jenna Wilson

All A's & B's - Mikayla Boesch, Domino Daugherty, Emily Derck, Tyler Edgar, Thomas Farrell, Elizabeth Hawley, Audri Longardner, Joshua Longardner, Aqiyil Moore, Drake Neace, JoAnne Powers, Brittany Smith, Haley Timbrook, Cayla Woodcox

Principal's Award - Xavier Locust, Erik Buchan

FIFTH GRADE

All A's - Steven Bowers, Jacob O'Donnell, Joshua Steiner, Olivia Tempel, Alex Vail

All A's & B's - Julia Balsler, Maria Bradbury, Dionicia Burk, Michaela Burns, Jar-

ett Bute, Lydia Carr, Alston Doctor, Jack Godeke, Nikki Hughes, Rebecca Major, Hannah Mills, Sarah Neace, Collin Perry, Samantha Provines, Alisha Schroeder, Bailee Sigman, Parker Swenson, Kelsey Titus, Claire Van Vlerah, Charles Walker

Principal's Award - Shalyn Fisher, Elizabeth Bond

SIXTH GRADE

All A's - Alexander Booher, Nathan Zuber

All A's & B's - Bethany Dunderman, Kaden Brumett, Christopher Edgar, Dalton Gremling, Jenna Hankinson, Nathan Hawley, Katie Hunt, Garrett Jones, Justin Langham, Erik Miesle, Matt Reinhart, David Sarsfield, Derek Smalley, Brock Taylor

Principal's Award - Alex Delgado

ANTWERP JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL THIRD NINE WEEKS 2007-08

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SENIORS

4.0-3.67 - Zachary Arnold, Cody Bok, Richelle Fraley, *Lynn Haller, Boston Hormann, Graham Hughes, Christine Kortokrax, Kyle Proxmire, Amanda Riebersal, Timothy Ryan, Shelby Sanders, Bryn Schlatter, *Rachael Taylor, Jacqueline Thomas, Spencer Timbrook, Alex Wetli, Jennifer Womack

3.66-3.33 - Zachary Carr, Teresa Knuckles, Nittaya Major, Chelsey Murlin, Chelsea Vail, Kyle Walz

3.32-3.0 - Brian Bashore, Robert Bragg, Chelsea Crawford, Paula DePew, Erica DeVore, Alexandria Fillmore, Jennifer Fillmore, Ashley Hughes, Mariah Overmyer

JUNIORS

4.0-3.67 - Justin Donat, Christopher Henry, Kole Schlatter, Michele Stuart

3.66-3.33 - Katelyn Feichter, Alexis Godeke, Misty Gordon, Sarah Heideman, Andrew Jones, Joshua Laney, David Marlin, Derek Reid, Mickae Schlatter, Quinn Tempel, Victoria Zuber

3.32-3.0 - Scarlett Allen, Whitney Bok, Emily Dolinski, Jamie Fry, Michael Girle, Lawrance Gross, Caleb Lee, Katie McCague, Mark Parisot, John Dustin Woodcox

SOPHOMORES

4.0-3.67 - Kelsey Bashore, Tyler Gaisford, Justin Johnson, *Darcie Reinhart, Alyssa Skeens, Jessica Smith, *Elizabeth Vachon

3.66-3.33 - Delaine Adams, Jill Banks, Christen Goudy, Aaron Hughes, Kucera Hull, Megan Koppenhofer, Bryson North

3.32-3.0 - Hannah Butcher, Rose Doctor, Wade Haller, Erin Hughes, Brennan Huss, Jacob Reinhart, Casey Schaefer, Charles Shider, Sara Trauterman, Julia Trejo

FRESHMAN

4.0-3.67 - Jessie Arnold, Rachel Banks, Tyler Bok, Shaile Chamberlain, Kaleb O'Donnell, Anthony Reid, Sierra Short, *Alaine Wetli

3.66-3.33 - Brandi Aldrich, Nicholas Berry, Andrew Ehlinger, Vanessa Gordon, Joshua Hilton, Logan Lucas, Taylor Vail, Toni Winslow, Katrin Wochele

3.32-3.0 - John Brown, Gabriel Cruz, Leah Dolinski, Jordan Koppenhofer, Cody Mabis, Paula Slattman, Loni Walk

GRADE EIGHT

4.0-3.67 - Jayla Chamberlain, Brandon Dunderman, Zach Dunlap, Hayley Feich-

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY FIRST AND SECOND GRADERS SERENA AUDIENCE INTO SPRING



Antwerp Local School presented a concert on April 4 to the community and families of their 1st and 2nd graders. The first graders are shown here and all of the kids did a great job!

ter, Cassandra Harter, Nicole Hughes, Jessica Langham, Ty Lee, Jessica Marlin, Jessica McCreery, Bryant Miesle, Alex North, Ann Reinhart, Kyle Reinhart, Tayler Shaffer, Jacob Shook, Tricia Smalley, Alysha Stuck, Drew Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Hannah Tempel, Ellise Wetli, Amanda Zielke

3.66-3.33 - Jacob Brown, Kelsea Burns, Morgan Cramer, Grant Dunderman, Samantha Foreman, Nicholas Herndon, Joseph Hilton, Corbin Jones, Albert Angelo Manella, Jasmine Price, Dalton Skeens, Ashlee Smith, Troy Womack

3.32-3.0 - Sabryna Allen, Austin Bowers, Karli Brummett, Lauren Cline, Katelyn English, Megan Fry, Hayleigh Gremling, Alexandria Gross, Cody Knapp, Rachel Vachon

GRADE SEVEN

4.0-3.67 - David Altic, Katelyn Bissell, Nicholas Bragg, Kacy Brummett, *Shawn Doolley, Ryan Girardot, Braeden Hormann, Cameron Huss, Alexis Jones, Marissa Kitzmiller, Colin Krick, Rachel Stewart, *Morgan Williamson, Jesse Wilson

3.66-3.33 - Justin Bute, Danielle Daugherty, Noah Ganger, Chelsea Grimes, Taylor Jones, Tyler Murlin, Edward Reinhart, Isaac Reinhart, Kyle Ryan, Avrial Sawyer, Colby Schaefer, Lydia Yenser

3.32-3.0 - Seth Armstrong, Ryan Hatlevig, Brette Horst, Darrien Reeb, Ricky Richards, Justina Sanders, Megan Smith, Katherine Steel, Austin Stout, Ashley Tong

PAULDING ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR THIRD NINE WEEKS

**denotes all A's*

3-1 Mrs. Doster: Leona Aldred, Robbie Bowers, *Hannah Farr, Bailey Pieper, Simeon Shepherd

3-2 Mrs. Crossland: Blaine Jerome, Emily Knodel, Skyler McCullough, *Ava Moats, *Chantal Monnier, Ryan Nicelley, *Dayton Pracht, Jacob Rodriguez, *Ashley Snipes, Cameron Strahley, Chella Vargas, *Joshua Webb, Brooke Weidenhamer

3-4 Mrs. Karzynow: *Brittany Brown, *Christine Clapsaddle, *William Deisler, Robert Deitrick, Kameron Echols, Katlynn Fuller, *Preston Johanns, Cassidy Jones, Taylor March, Laramie Patrick, Caitlin Proxmire, Becca Rohrs, *JoEllyn Salanis, Tiffany Schilt

4-2 Mrs. Walker: *Lucas Arend, Kynsie Etzler, Megan Fife, Brendon Good, *Allison Harpel, Victoria Johanns, Emily Moore, Johnathon

Rose, *Taylor Schooley, Jarret Sittion

4-4 Mrs. Jones: *Victoria Bradford, Zach Buchman, Damon Egnor, Lauren Johanns, Taylor Kochenour, *Sabrina Leaman, Lisa Lockhart, *William Reeves, *Megan Reineck, Jordan Shull, Cullen Wenzlick

4-5 Mrs. Tope: *Kelsey Beck, Kacie Karlstadt, Angel Kline, *Taylor Manz, *Matthew Martinez, Kim Matson, Victoria Meadows, Branson Minck, *Emilee Ringler, Chace Robinson, Brenna Schmidt, Drayson Wenzlick

5-1 Mrs. March: Jarrod Clark, Jacob Dye, Nelson Foster, Alexis Howell, Katrina Lusk, *Emily Pastor, Lorenzo Salinas, Alexis Schmidt, Derrick Shawley, *Ashlyn Strahley, Michael Tope

5-3 Mr. Manz: Taylor Ankney, Christian Burtch, Bailey Combs, Brad Crawford, Hannah English, Ben Heilshorn, Morgan Riley, Shayla Shepherd

5-4 Mrs. Bradford: *Kathryn Clapsaddle, Lyndi Clinton, Rachel Dooley, Mandi Fisher, Sam Froelich, Skyler Huth, Erin Johanns, Abbi Miller, Isaac Nice, Konnor Owens, Jessica Schroeder, Dalton Talbott

SWCD ANNUAL FISH SALE

The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Fish Sale is now in progress. Orders will be accepted through April 28. The fish will be delivered May 1. Order forms are available at the office at 260 B Dooley Drive, Paulding or by calling 419-399-4771.

The type of fish available for ordering are: blue gill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, fathead minnows, white amur, perch, shellcraker, croppies.

CHP TO HOST GRIEF WEBCAST

VAN WERT—The 15th annual live National Bereavement Teleconference Webcast will be presented April 16, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Community Health Professionals, 1159 Westwood Dr., Van Wert.

The topic this year is "Adolescents and Grief" and will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that educators, counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, grief counselors, funeral directors, and clergy can best support them.

Moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Public Policy and Communication at George Mason University and Special Correspondent with CNN, the teleconference is targeted to reach individuals who offer education on loss, grief, dying or death. Continuing education contact hours will be available through the Hospice Foundation of America for nurses, social workers, counselors, funeral directors, clergy, psychologists, physicians, EMS personnel, EAPs, and nursing home administrators.

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