

MRS. ROSE WORMAN IS 98.1'S TEACHER OF THE WEEK



Mrs. Rose Worman, a kindergarten teacher at St. John Catholic School, Payne, displays her certificate for Teacher of the Week from radio station 98.1. She was nominated by student, Julian Vela.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO EXTEND SCHOOL DAY

Antwerp Local School missed its eleventh day of school on April 21, 2008. The school will utilize recently approved H.B. 142 and make up this day by adding 30 minutes to eleven consecutive school days. Beginning on May 5

and continuing through and including May 19, 30 minutes will be added on to the end of the day for all Antwerp students. If the school misses another day, it will be added on to the end of the year. Please contact the school at 419-258-5421 to have any questions answered.

WAYNE TRACE WALKS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

By: Sue Knapp

The Wayne Trace Student Council is holding a Walk-a-Thon for Relay for Life.

The walk will be held May 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Wayne Trace Track.

Cancer survivors are invited to come at 8:00 and walk the first lap. Call Marilyn Fisher at 419-399-4100 for information.

PROGRAM OFFERED TO OBTAIN SECONDARY MATH CERTIFICATION

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center (WBESC) and Ashland University have received a competitive grant (CORE) from the Ohio Department of Education for the purpose of training candidates to be secondary mathematics teachers. The program involves a series of 24 graduate credits from Ashland University with NO COST to participants. Those accepted to this program will commit to a year long program designed for working professionals. This grant opportunity was created to offer an alternative route for Secondary Math certification.

The CORE program will be rigorous because of the mathematics content, the difficulty of state mandated PRAXIS test and the Ohio Department of Education's timeline of one calendar year. Classes will begin July 2008 and end at the end of June 2009. Twenty four credit hours will be completed in this time frame. The math areas that will be covered are algebra, geometry and trigonometry, pre calculus and calculus. The pedagogy areas will be curriculum, effective instruction, best practices and literacy. There will also be a year-long, independent study course. All courses are required. Tutoring will be offered to help participants prepare for the PRAXIS.

THANK YOU

The Snider's would like to thank the community for all of the acts of kindness shown to us during the untimely death of our daughter, sister, and aunt and friend Marge Snider. The kindness shown with food, cards, flowers, and time spent with us during the long days were very much appreciated. Thank you for the prayers that got us through these terrible times. God has surely blessed us with many special friends. Thanks for being there when we needed you.

God Bless You,

—Ann Snider,
Mike Snider, Adam & Zachary,
Matt & Amy Snider, Allison & Jeremiah,
Mark & Dina Snider, Ava & Aidan

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For those educators holding a current certificate or professional license, this program will allow for a 9-12 math endorsement.

For individuals without a teaching license, this program will offer the majority of courses needed for a provisional license. However, additional classes at a college/university, on a case by case basis, will be needed after successfully completing the CORE program.

Potential candidates for the program need to have obtained at least a Bachelor's degree in any area, preferably a teaching or math-related field. Candidates from education or mathematics-related occupations will be given first consideration. This program is ideal for mid-career professionals in math-related fields or for working, unemployed or substitute teachers wanting to add a licensure area.

Application deadline is Friday, May 23, 2008. Persons interested in applying for participation in this program should email lkrauskopf@wb.noacsc.org. An application will be sent immediately. Questions can be directed to Linda Krauskopf at 419-399-4711 or at the above email address.

THANK YOU

The Antwerp Fire Department and EMS would like to thank the Antwerp VFW for their donation. It is very appreciated. Thank you again.

CORRECTION

We have a correction for the article concerning the Legacy concert at Defiance Christian Church. The concert will take place on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. not May 10. We apologize for any confusion.

—WBN editors

GROVER HILL VFW/AUXILIARY BANQUET

A banquet and presentation program was held on April 22, 2008, at the Grover Hill VFW Hall to recognize students who were finalists in the youth programs sponsored annually by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2873 and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Commander Jim Miller and Auxiliary Pres. Chris Taylor were on hand to welcome those in attendance.

For over 30 years, the Post and Auxiliary have been

dents in grades 6-8. Students must write a 400-word essay on a given theme. Students from the Wayne Trace Jr. High and Grover Hill Elementary participated this year on the theme, "Why I am an American Patriot." Adam Nuest of Payne placed 1st in local competition and 2nd at the District level. Hannah Myers and Janey Janka placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. Other finalists included: Reuben Stoller, Ashley Goeltzen-



Front - Zach Ramsey, Adam Nuest (1st), Madison Poling, Mackenzie Haney. Back - Rueben Stoller, Pete Sinn, Kelly Zartman, Janey Janka. Absent: Hannah Myers (2nd)

making scholarship programs available to students from the Wayne Trace School area. Local competitions start students on the road to possibly winning one of the State scholarships totaling \$23,000.00. State winners then compete for scholarships totaling \$146,000.00 and a trip to Washington, D.C.

The Patriots Pen competition is made available to stu-

leuchler, Zach Ramsey, Pete Sinn, Madison Poling, Mackenzie Haney, Kelly Zartman, Sarah Feasby, Derek Plummer, Kendra Keesler, Beth Ross, Sadie Wasserman and Karie Myers.

The Voice of Democracy speech writing competition is made available to high school students. They were required to write and record a 3-5

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OBITUARIES

Elmer H. Foust, 81 of Paulding died Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at his residence.

He was born August 22, 1926 in Van Wert County, OH, the son of Kester and Bertha (Hoover) Foust. On June 26, 1949, he married Ruth Ellen Kimmey, who survives. He was employed by the former Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp, retiring in 1987 and U.S. post office for five years. He was a US Navy veteran and a member of Paulding United Methodist Church. He was a cubmaster; Pee Wee & Little League Coach; President of Pioneer Club, Weatherhead; a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post #587, volunteer fireman and EMS squad member of Paulding; a member of American Legion, Delaware, OH; and a member of the Paulding Community Theater.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Foust of Paulding; three sons: Mark Foust of Oceanside, CA, Roland Foust of Bedford, IN, and Gordon Foust of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; two daughters: Kathleen (Tom) Reinhart of Paulding, and Lori (Keith) Deming of Defiance; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two great grandchildren; a sister, Arlean (Sanderson) Foust; and a brother, Franklin Sanderson.

Funeral services were conducted April 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, OH, with military graveside rites conducted by V.F.W. Post #587.

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

Phyllis Claire Grussing, 92, of DeLand, FL formerly of Ft. Wayne, IN died Tuesday April 22, 2008.

She was born February 10, 1916 at Perrysville, Indiana the daughter of Dan and Bertha (Jenkins) Watson.

She was a 1933 graduate of Farmer High School - Farm-

er, Ohio. After high school she attended nursing school in Toledo, Ohio and received her RN.

She was united in marriage to Melvin Grussing on July 22, 1945.

During WW II she served in the Navy Nurse Corp. Later she was employed at Community Memorial Hospital - Hicksville, Ohio and retired from the McCray Hospital - Kendallville, Indiana. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church - Hicksville and loved sports and flowers.

She is survived by two sons: Phil (Janie) of Palm Beach Gardens, FL and Dan (Marie) of Lafayette, LA; two daughters: Susan Sterns of Ft. Wayne, IN and Lucinda Weesner of DeLand, FL; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Jesse Lou Davis of Tiffin, OH.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

The funeral service was on April 26 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, OH. Burial was at Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Memorial contributions maybe made to the Hospice of Volusia County.

Albert Max Lamond, 81 of Paulding died Thursday, April 24 at his residence.

He was born in Paulding County, OH, on August 27, 1926, the son of Perry and Verdie (Timmons) Lamond. He was a security guard for Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. and retired from the former Grizzly Manufacturing, Paulding.

He is survived by a brother, John Lamond of Woodstock, GA; nieces and nephews including, Kaye (Jerry) Minck of Cecil, Judy (Fred) Wilhelm of Meridian, ID, and Kevin Lamond of Paulding.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Perry Clark Lamond.

There will be no visitation or funeral services.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

Richard Craig Wolford,

32, of Paulding, died Thursday, April 24, 2008 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

He was born January 8, 1976 in Paulding County the son of Dwight R. and Alice L. (Williamson) Wolford. He was employed as a dispatcher for Norfolk-Southern Railroad, and became a Christian at the First Baptist Church, Van Wert. He began studying violin at age 3 and became an accomplished violinist receiving superior ratings in junior high and high school. He mastered basic computer programs at age 8. After attending college he planned web site designs for a company in Del Mar California for 2 years.

He is survived by his father, Dwight Wolford of Haviland, and a brother, John David Wolford of Kennesaw, Georgia.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Alice in 2006.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 30 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Steve Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery, Haviland.

Donations may be made to National Heart Fund.



Maxine I. Davis, 87, of Paulding died Sunday, April 27, 2008 at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

She was born on January 18, 1921 in Haviland the daughter of Edward and Grace (King) Burgess who are both deceased.

She was united in marriage to Robert F. Davis on June 10, 1939. He preceded her in death on April 1, 1991.

She enjoyed baking and loved to spend time with her grandkids. She was a very active volunteer and member of Paulding United Methodist Church for 50 years.

She owned D&W Bakery in Paulding for many years, and worked at Paulding County Hospital for 11 years. Also, she and her husband farmed for many years. She was also a homemaker.

Surviving are one son, Robert (Holly) Davis II of Paulding; one daughter, Cheryl (Joe) Schier of Paulding; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Ralph Burgess; and three sisters: LaDonna Smalley, Christine Winner; and Ruthie Hartzog.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Paulding United Methodist Church in Paulding. Reverend Ben Lowell and Reverend Larry Hopkins will officiate.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at Paulding United Methodist Church in Paulding. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery in Paulding.

Memorials to Paulding United Methodist Church, Harter & Schier Funeral Home, Delphos, OH.

ANNUAL LAB SPECIAL IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Community Memorial Hospital served a total of 732 patients during its annual health fair the week of April 14-19. Service was provided to 120 more individuals than last year. Community Memorial Hospital's laboratory provides service to six area nursing homes and assisted living facilities and assists with multiple health fairs for local industries throughout the year.

This year's health fair kicked off the start of the Columbus St. Café's breakfast menu. Approximately 50 people enjoyed a hot breakfast each morning at the hospital's Café during the health fair. At the request of participants, the Café will continue to serve breakfast Monday through Friday mornings from 6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. In addition, the Daily Perk, our gourmet coffee bar is also open from 6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. daily.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
 4/22 - Ruth Hartsock, Payne
 4/25 - Mike Bowers, Paulding
Dismissals:
 4/23 - Dianna Clemens, Paulding
 4/25 - Ruth Hartsock, Payne
 4/26 - Mike Bowers, Paulding



Voice of Democracy finalists at G.H. VFW 2873 and Auxiliary were: Rachael Arnett (3rd), Amber Kipfer (2nd), Bryant Gerber and Rebecca Ruble. Absent was Ethynn Brown (1st).

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 minute speech on the theme of, "My Roll in Honoring America's Veterans." Placing 1st at the local level was Ethynn Brown of Grover Hill. Ethynn also placed 5th at the District level, and was recognized recently at a program in Toledo. Amber Kipfer and Rachel Arnett placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively. Also named as finalists were: Rebecca Ruble, Alyssa Nuest, Rob Pond and Bryant Gerber.

Ms. Taylor thanked all the students for their participation in the program and praised the Wayne Trace School personnel for their continuing support by providing students with the scholarship opportunities made available through the V.F.W. and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Upcoming year themes were announced: Patriots Pen theme (2008-2009) is, "Why America's Veterans Should be Honored."

Voice of Democracy con-

test will be based on the theme, "Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefits Today's Youth by..."

Interested students in either program for the next school year may contact: Chris Taylor at 419-587-3400, for more information.

SENATOR BUEHRER TO VISIT ANTWERP HISTORIC WABASH RAIL DEPOT

Ohio State Senator Steve Buehrer, of the First District will be in Antwerp on Friday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m. to meet with local government officials, ACDC to tour the historic Wabash Rail Depot and to discuss how state funds could benefit the historic Wabash Rail Depot.

If you are interested in attending or for more information please contact: Sara Keeran, Village Administrator (419) 258-2371; Jim Pendergrast, ACDC Member, Depot Restoration Chair (419) 258-7621

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By: Ann Miller, Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool

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GAMBLING ON KENO

Guest Column from our State Representative: Lynn Wachtmann

For many years now, Ohioans have debated whether or not to expand gambling in order to raise revenues for the state. Ballot measures regarding casinos, horse tracks and other forms of gaming have gone before the voters multiple times, most recently in 2006, and they have repeatedly demonstrated their dislike of these plans.

Earlier this year, the governor announced the state was facing an estimated \$733 million budget shortfall, as revenues are not expected to meet projections. To help fill the gap, the governor proposed a series of budget cuts at various state agencies and departments, as well as reductions in the number of state employees.

In addition, the governor has also put forth a plan that would expand the Ohio Lottery to include Keno which he believes could raise an estimated \$73 million. Keno is played by choosing a set of numbers between one and 80. Players can win cash prizes based on how many of their numbers match those

chosen at random by a machine. Under the governor's plan, Keno machines would be permitted in bars, restaurants and social halls, with drawings would take place every 20 minutes.

While I understand the need to balance Ohio's budget, this plan is essentially an expansion of gambling, and I cannot support it. Moreover, it also blatantly conflicts with efforts made just last year to prohibit the operation of games of chance in bars.

In addition to going against the expressed wishes of the voters, I also believe this plan is bad for Ohio because of the impact of gambling on middle- and low-income families. Numerous studies have demonstrated a link between gambling and bankruptcy, criminal activity, child abuse and other social ills. Additionally, a recent study by The Columbus Dispatch found that in 2007, ticket sales for the Ohio Lottery totaled more than \$589 million in low-income neighborhoods, compared with ticket sales of \$297 million in communities with higher incomes.

In response to the governor's proposal, my colleague state Representative John Adams (R-Sidney) has introduced House Bill 514, legislation that would prohibit the Ohio Lottery from operating Keno or similar electronic games. Similar legislation has also been introduced in the Senate, and I am hopeful that we will work on these bills to help prevent an expansion of gambling in Ohio. We should respect the wishes of the voters, who have spoken time and again that they do not want expanded gambling in our state.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. I can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760, by e-mail at district75@ohr.state.oh.us or by writing me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, District 75, Columbus, OH 43215.

SAVING LIVES IN OHIO

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Throughout my tenure in Columbus, the General Assembly has passed several bills that have worked to further the pro-life cause in this state. Most recently, the Senate and House approved and the Governor signed House Bill 314, legislation which requires that physicians make an ultrasound image available to a woman who is planning to have an abortion, with the hope that access to more thorough and accurate information will make more women think twice about having the procedure. In addition, I introduced Senate Bill 174, which would ban the dangerous practice of human cloning in Ohio.

While all of these efforts are important and must continue, much of our focus over the years has been on protecting unborn life. Unfortunately, the reality is that many newborn lives are just as vulnerable and their health and well-being deserves our attention as well. In fact, there have been disturbing reports in newspapers and on television stations across the country of young moms and dads, who are scared, overwhelmed and unable to care for a child, that have chosen to abandon their newborn babies in parks, along roadsides and in dumpsters. The issue gained national attention in 1999, when 13 infants were abandoned in the Houston, Texas area over a 10-month period.

Since then, a number of states, including Ohio, have adopted safe haven laws. These laws allow a troubled mother to drop off a newborn infant if they don't wish to care for the child. Ohio's current safe haven law was passed by the 123rd General Assembly and took effect in 2001. The law ensures that if a child is left at a safe haven—which includes a medical worker at a hospital, fire department or other emergency service organization, as well as a peace officer at a law enforcement agency—and shows no signs of abuse, the parents will face no legal consequences for the drop-off. Once the child is surrendered, the professional who accepts the baby contacts the county children's service agency and the child is placed in an adoptive home.

In December, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services announced that, since Ohio's law took effect, 54 newborns have been turned over to safe havens across the state, including 11 infants between June 2006 and July 2007. These are 54 lives that will now have an opportunity to grow up in a safe, loving, nurturing environment. Also, last month, a bill was introduced in the Senate that would make needed improvements to Ohio's safe haven program to expand access for parents and, hopefully, help save more lives.

Under current law, a parent must bring their child to a safe haven no more than 72 hours after the baby is born. This leaves little time for overwhelmed parents to

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BAILEY'S MEADOW GARDEN & GIFTS HAS NEW MANAGERS

By: Sue Knapp

Ruthie Picton from Spenserville, IN seen an ad in the paper. Seeing that she always wanted to run a greenhouse she jumped at the chance to manage Bailey's Meadow Garden & Gifts in Antwerp on US24 W. Ruthie does her own landscaping and grows shrubs and plants from starts from clippings at home in her greenhouse which has automatic sprinklers.

This will be a family endeavor with her husband, Todd, (the singing cowboy) and their boys helping with the business. "This will be a wonderful chance to teach the boys responsibility," she commented.

The boys: Dmitri, 17 is a junior at Woodlan; Alex (the salesman) 10, goes to Harlan Elementary and Uri, 8, also goes to Harlan Elementary, son Matt coming from Wisconsin will also be helping out this summer. Todd works at Parker-Hannifen in Hicksville and also sings in the Dog House Diner in Antwerp on Wednesday nights.

The boys are eager to open and look forward to helping with the customers. Alex wants to sell and run the cash register, Uri wants to help people carry their purchases and Dmitri will help with the muscle stuff.

Luddy Keating has been helping Ruthie get prepared for the opening and Luddy will also be around to help.

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HIDDEN DANGERS, HIDDEN BLESSINGS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm,
Woodburn Missionary Church

I hear of a family who had been picnicking in the San Isabel National Forest in Colorado several summer ago. In the shade of a large tree they ate, played read, talked and enjoyed the beauty of the park. Just before they climbed back into the car they decided to record their family outing on film. So they all posed for the photograph, set the automatic shutter release, and smiled their way into another memory. Once they were back home they had the picture developed, and their perspective on that afternoon changed. As they examined the photo taken at the picnic, they saw something frightening. There, in the tree above them, was a mountain lion. The cat had been secretly watching them the entire time. All the while, the family was totally oblivious to the threat on their lives.

I wonder how often that story parallels with our lives in the spiritual realm? I wonder how many times circumstances, temptations, and grave perils are close at hand and we are completely unaware of them? I wonder about the number of instances that the devil and his forces of evil were "hiding in the trees," waiting to attack, when the Lord shielded us from danger?

For those of us who are believers, we can claim the promise of the Psalmist: "Lord, my times are in your hands." We will one day dis-

cover in our heavenly home the number of times when we were at threat and never realized it. At that moment, we'll realize God's hand of protection was sometimes extended to us in ways we never knew. I'm thankful for a heavenly Father who never slumbers nor sleeps... For a blessed Savior who keeps watch over me even through the darkness of night.

When was the last time you breathed a prayer of thanksgiving for the secret, hidden blessings from the Lord—blessings you never saw? When was the last time you acknowledged His watchful hand over you life, even when the danger was concealed from your awareness? Maybe we should thank and praise Him for not only the blessings that we can "count and name one by one," but also for the ones we never see.

PAULDING LIBRARIES PROVIDE OHIO TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Paulding County Carnegie Library and branches have a limited supply of free travel guides for Ohio. They include: Multicultural Excursions, Culinary Retreats, Discover Ohio in Bloom, Ohio's Underground Railroad Freedom Stations, Family Reunions & Gatherings, 2008 Ohio Travel Atlas, 2008 Discover Ohio Calendar of Events for Spring/Summer, and Discover Ohio 2008 Official State Travel Planner. Copies are available while supplies last. For more information about travel destinations in Ohio go to: www.discoverohio.com.

ANTWERP V.E.T.S RECEIVES FIRST DONATIONS



Anna Jordan (center) is Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial's first donor. Accepting her gift are V.E.T.S. volunteers, Karen Sanders (L) and Nancy Lichty (R).

Antwerp V.E.T.S. volunteer members met April 19 to consider the most recent developments with regards to their goal of restoration and formation of an all-veterans memorial. Preparations for an upcoming fund raiser, collecting eligible veterans names, and a noteworthy financial report were the main topics discussed.

Refinements were made in preparing for the first planned fund raiser on May 17 and May 18. On these dates Mr. Jerry Dowding will provide distinctive instrumental entertainment and present his personal thoughts on being honored as a veteran by his Illinois community. V.E.T.S. will be publicizing details in the near future for Jerry's performances.

In addition to fund raising, the continuing task of amassing names of veterans for inscriptions on granite

tablets was cited. Barbara Cleland and Glenn M. Sudlow presented various items of documentation for family members who are eligible for having their names inscribed on the memorial. It is becoming apparent, that given the rather small area established for eligible veterans, that the number of vets whose names can be included on this memorial will be great.

After addressing fund raising and examining certifiable records, Treasurer Nancy Lichty keenly offered the first financial statement. With only several donations received, the V.E.T.S. is experiencing delight that people are responding to their project. Anna Jordan, a former long-time resident of Antwerp, generously offered the project's first major contribution in excess of \$1,000. Anna has two deceased husbands and two sons whose names will appear on the memorial tablets. It's the group's hope that their ultimate vision of honoring all veterans, living as well as deceased, prompts additional individual interest in helping with monetary contributions. All interested persons can attend the next meeting, Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Es-sen House.

(Continued from Page 3) make a smart, informed decision about the care of their child. Senate Bill 304, legislation I cosponsored, would extend the time a parent can deliver an infant to a safe haven from 72 hours to 30 days, bringing Ohio law in-line with laws in at least 31 others states, which give parents more leeway to surrender their infant. While the surrender of a child is a dramatic event, hopefully, with additional time to make this emotional decision, more scared, confused parents will make the right choice for the future health and well-being of their child.

For more information on Ohio's safe haven program, please visit <http://jfs.ohio.gov/safehavens/>.

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.

BENEFIT AUCTION FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Our 12th Annual Benefit Auction for St. Jude Children's Hospital will be on Friday, May 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Many businesses and individuals from the tri-state area have donated items. Among the items to be auctioned off are: autographed Richard Petty tire, three person hammock swing, NAS-CAR items, Coke table and chair set, food items, pizza and restaurant gift certificates, hotel stays, car washes, oil changes, hand made quilt, R&K Pheasant Hunt, power washers, generators, and many misc. items.

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

Please come out and support this worthwhile cause. Refreshment stand will be available. Good food and fun for all who attend.

Last year we raised over \$5,500.00 and we would like to meet or beat that amount, so please help us out. If we all do a little, it helps a lot!

Also, we will be having our Chinese cake auction. The cakes have been donated by Chief of Paulding. This is always a fun and crazy time. Come bring your dollar bills and see how much we can sell these cakes for! There will be a 50/50 cash drawing the night of the auction as well.

BENEFITS FROM HICKSVILLE CURVES MEMBER EFFORTS

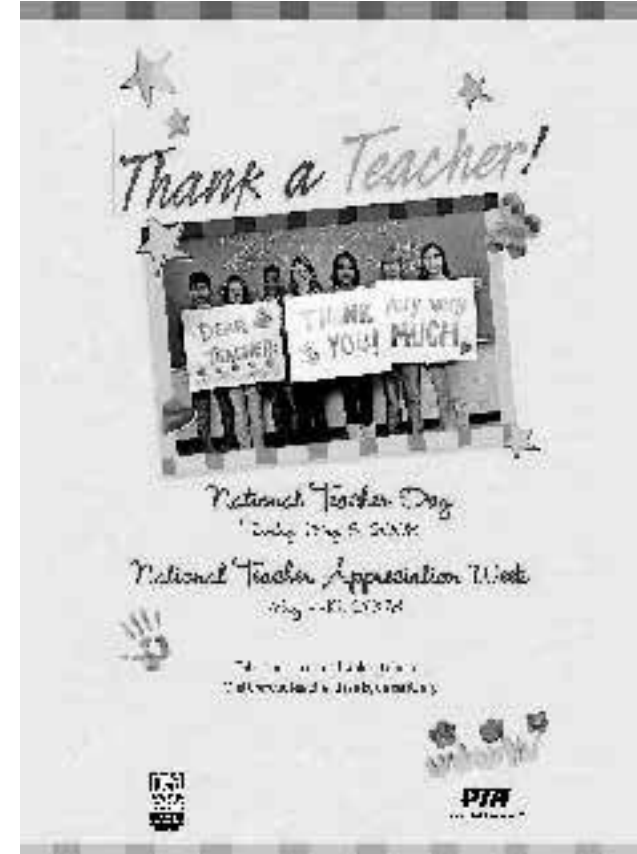
Curves, the world's largest fitness franchisor, today announced that the 2008 Curves Food Drive brought in 1916.75 pounds in Hicksville which will benefit Hicksville's Food Bank. Worldwide, Curves members donated almost 3,000 tons of food.

This was Curves International's 10th Annual Food Drive and Curves of Hicksville's third time to participate. This March, women have the opportunity to donate a bag of groceries for a reduced Curves membership fee. Thousands of women took advantage of this opportunity to help themselves become healthier while contributing to the needs of their community's less fortunate residents.

Last month's Food Drive accounted for two new memberships at the Hicksville Curves. Overall, the Food Drive accounted for almost 75,000 new Curves memberships.

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

May 4th-10th is National Teacher Appreciation Week with Tuesday, May 6th designated as National Teacher Day. Please take time during this week to thank a teacher who made a difference in your life. Paulding Exempted Village Schools are proud of our teachers and believe they make a difference in the lives of children every day.



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BOYS AND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TRACK RESULTS: HILLTOP/EDGERTON/FAIRVIEW/WAYNE TRACE

High School Track were running hard on Tuesday, April 22.

Boys team scores: Hilltop 110-1/2, Edgerton 83-1/2, Fairview 37, Wayne Trace 15

Event Scores:

Shot Put - Baines (E) 41-8-1/2, Mercer (H) 41-3-1/2, Kill (E) 39-3, Webb (F) 38-11, Keesbury (F) 38-8

Long Jump - Beals (H) 19-2, Klinger (H) 18-10-3/4, Newcomb (WT) 18-2-1/2, Keesbury (F) 18-0, Sheets (E) 16-11

High Jump - Cooley (E) 5-6, Kempf (E) 5-6, Keesbury (F) 5-4, Blinzler (E) 5-2, Armbruster (H) 5-0

Discus - Abner (H) 111-2, Baines (E) 107-10, Mercer (H) 104-7, Zippay (E) 101-6, Diaz (H) 101-2

Pole Vault - tie Goebel (E) and Klopfenstein (WT) 11-6, Webb (E) 9-0, tie Towns (H) and Filip (H) 8-6

3200 Relay - Hilltop 8:38.1, Fairview 8:47.6, Edgerton 9:17.8

110 Hurdles - Gaskill (E) 16.7, Davis (F) 19.6, Zippay (E) 20.3, Sprew (E) 21.4

100 Dash - Beals (H) 11.6,

Webb (F) 11.8, Hill (H) 11.9, Newcomb (WT) 12.1, Entenman (E) 12.4

800 Relay - Edgerton 1:39.0, Hilltop 1:41.5, Fairview 1:45.9

1600 Run - E. Livensparger (H) 4:43.0, Karnes (E) 4:46.8, C. Livensparger (H) 4:54.9, Bigger (E) 5:19.7, Klopfenstein (WT) 5:20.3

400 Relay - Edgerton 47.6, Hilltop 49.5, Wayne Trace 1:02.6

400 Dash - Burwell (H) 55.0, Beals (H) 55.7, Torreas (F) 55.9, Entenman (E) 56.4, Blinzler (E) 57.1

300 Hurdles - Webb (E) 44.1, Sheets (E) 45.0, King (H) 46.5, Smith (H) 46.9, Gaskill (E) 48.8

800 Run - Klinger (H) 2:05.1, Burwell (H) 2:08.0, Coolman (F) 2:08.9, Boeke (E) 2:09.0, Livensparger (H) 2:17.6

200 Dash - Hill (H) 24.5, Beals (H) 24.6, Wineland (E) 24.7, Newcomb (WT) 25.4, tie Rasey (H) and Balogh (E) 26.0

3200 Run - Karnes (E) 10:16.9, E. Livensparger (H) 10:29.8, C. Livensparger (H) 10:33.6, Alvarez (F) 11:16.5, N. Singer (F) 11:36.8

1600 Relay - Hilltop 3:42.2, Edgerton 3:43.6, Fairview 3:49.3

Girls team scores: Edgerton 132-1/2, Wayne Trace 54, Fairview 35-1/2, Hilltop 28

Shot Put - Grinnell (F) 30-1/4, Baines (E) 27-8-3/4, Lay (WT) 27-6-1/4, Briskey (H) 27-3-1/2, McKinney (H) 25-6

Long Jump - Gloe (E) 14-4-1/2, Thiel (E) 13-10-1/2, Henricks (E) 13-5-1/2, Schroeder (F) 13-4, Rosebrock (F) 13-3/4

High Jump - Henricks (E) 5-2, Rosenbrock (F) 4-

8, (tie) Thiel (E) and Ehresman (WT) 4-6, Hockenberry (WT) 4-6

Discus - Herman (E) 78-11, Cole (E) 76-4, Akkerman (WT) 72-9, Henricks (E) 70-3, Briskey (H) 69-8

Pole Vault - Showalter (E) 9-0, McKinney (H) 4-6

3200 Relay - Edgerton 11:26.8, Wayne Trace 12:34.1, Fairview 12:47.5

100 Hurdles - Daniels (E) 18.9, Showalter (E) 20.1, Schroeder (F) 21.6, Blaevelt (H) 22.5, Mueller (F) 24.2

100 Dash - Priest (WT) 13.2, Sprow (E) 13.4, King (E) 13.5, (tie) Schroeder (H) and Hockenberry (WT) 13.9

800 Relay - Edgerton 1:50.9, Fairview 2:01.4, Hilltop 2:14.3

1600 Run - Stoller (WT) 6:01.3, Daniels (E) 6:31.4, Park (H) 6:49.8, Master (E) 6:51.0, Tekalenburg (F) 7:08.2

400 Relay - Edgerton 54.9, Fairview 57.4, Hilltop 58.6

400 Dash - Gloe (E) 1:09.3, Henricks (E) 1:10.5, Briskney (H) 1:12.0, Roehrig (F) 1:12.6, Akkerman (WT) 1:13.8

300 Hurdles - Daniels (E) 49.3, Davis (E) 51.4, Schroeder (F) 57.9, Blaevelt (H) 59.2, Ehresman (WT) 59.2

800 Run - Stoller (WT) 2:44.3, Cole (E) 2:55.8, Squires (E) 2:56.3, Grime (H) 3:01.7, Lantow (WT) 3:16.9

200 Dash - Priest (WT) 28.0, Sprow (E) 28.8, King (E) 29.0, Hockenberry (WT) 30.0, Schroeder (F) 30.1

3200 Run - Stoller (WT) 13:11.9, Daniels (E) 13:59.9, Thiel (E) 14:14.8, Park (H) 14:22.8, Moster (E) 15:18.8

1600 Relay - Edgerton 4:29.2, Wayne Trace 4:41.3, Hilltop 5:01.2

ANTWERP TRACK TEAM PARTICIPATES IN PATRICK HENRY PATRIOT TRACK INVITATIONAL

The 3rd Annual Patrick Henry Patriot Track Invitational took place on April 19, 2008 at Patrick Henry High School.

Antwerp girls' team came in 11th place with 1.5 points.

Events in which Antwerp placed in are as follows:

200 Meter: 1st - Snyder (Celina), 26.48; 2nd - Reiser (Elmwood), 27.58; 3rd - Alexander (Margaretta), 28.12; 4th - Good (Evergreen), 28.57; 5th - Murray (Swanton), 28.58; 6th - Schlatter (Antwerp), 29.95

Antwerp boys' team came in 9th place with 20 points.

Events in which Antwerp placed in are as follows:

3200 Meter Relay: 1st - Woodmore, 8:25.18; 2nd - Celina, 8:36.93; 3rd - Mohawk, 8:40.82; 4th - Elmwood, 8:42.53; 5th - Patrick Henry, 8:50.53; 6th - Antwerp, 8:52.28

110 Hurdles: 1st - Butler (Leipsic), 15:37; 2nd - Rosengarten (Celina), 15.41; 3rd - DeLong (Antwerp), 15.89; 4th - Moran (Celina), 16.52; 5th - Hogrefe (Patrick Henry), 17.46; 6th - Bonham (Elmwood), 18.46

1600 Meter: 1st - Wegert (Woodmore), 4:37.06; 2nd - Fronk (Maumee), 4:40.76; 3rd - Trusty (Mohawk), 4:42.15; 4th - Goodwin (Celina), 4:44.21; 5th - Krick (Antwerp), 4:49.90; 6th - Green (Elmwood), 4:51.05

300 Hurdles: 1st - Rosengarten (Celina), 40.81; 2nd - Butler (Leipsic), 42.62; 3rd - Moran (Celina), 43.75; 4th - DeLong (Antwerp), 44.43; 5th - Shank (Elmwood), 45.29; 6th - Hoffman (Maumee), 46.34

3200 Meter: 1st - Andrew Goodwin (Celina), 10:22; 2nd - Drew Trusty (Mohawk), 10:26.74; 3rd - Ryan Green (Elmwood), 10:31.6; 4th - P. Starnes (Celina), 10:37.5; 5th - Hayden Krick (Antwerp), 10:45.9; 6th - Ty Schroeder (Woodmore) 10:58.3

1600 Meter Relay: 1st - Elmwood, 3:32.0; 2nd - Celina, 3:30.2; 3rd - Margaretta, 3:40.4; 4th - Woodmore, 3:41.4; 5th - Patrick Henry, 3:47.6; 6th - Antwerp, 3:52.4

High Jump: 1st - Kyle Tietje (Patrick Henry), 6'0"; 2nd - Thor Bottesch (Elmwood), 5'10"; 3rd - Kevin Tietje (Patrick Henry), 5'10"; 4th - Jared DeLong (Antwerp), 5'8"; 4th - Jay Hall (Maumee), 5'8"; 6th - John Custer (Woodmore), 5'6"

Pole Vault: 1st - Jordan Briggs (Elmwood), 13'0"; 2nd - Luke Bonvillian (Celina), 12'0"; 3rd - Todd Hertel (Celina), 11'6"; 4th - Justin Buenger (Patrick Henry), 11'0"; 5th - Evan Schroeder (Leipsic), 11'0"; 6th - Josh Laney (Antwerp), 11'0"

ROMINES SLAMS A HOMERUN IN THE 6TH



Woodlan Varsity boys baseball played Eastside Friday, April 25th and Woodlan won. Shown here is Senior Austin Romines hits the ball driving it out of the Warrior stadium for a home run. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding Senior Brandan Mericle hits a ball between center and left field giving him a double and driving a run in. Paulding won 15-5 against Wayne Trace on Friday, April 25th. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Hicksville Baseball team battled the Archers on April 24. Senior Tim Ryan got a hit, but was tagged out at first by Aces' #30. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Baker
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Baker,

The undersigned has been retained to represent Mr. & Mrs. Jason Landers and their minor child son, Jagger Landers on an incident that occurred on or about June 13, 2007 wherein the dog, owned by you, bit Jagger Landers on the face.

To date medical bills have been incurred to 1.) Dr Gray \$65.00, 2.) Paulding County Hospital \$132.93, 3.) Paulding County Emergency Room \$194.00 and 4.) Prescriptions and x-large band aids for the child \$19.80.

My clients are willing to resolve this matter for the sum of \$10,000.00. This offer remains open through October 15, 2007 and if not resolved by that time a suit will be filed in the Paulding County Common Pleas Court.

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CHICAGO, MY KIND OF TOWN

By: Sue Knapp
 'Chicago, My Kind of Town' is a song written by Cahn van Heusen and was sung by Frank Sinatra. In this song it talks about the Wrigley Building, crazmatazz and all that jazz and the Cubbies. It also talks about the smiling people. Well, if my friend, Ruth Clem and I wrote a song about Chicago now we would include 'THE MAGNIFICENT MILE!' Talk about shop until you drop, that's just what we did.

Ruth and I were blessed to have the opportunity to go on Sue Beck's bus trip to Chicago. The trip was a benefit for Relay for Life and it was fantastic!

Two buses left Paulding Hospital at 6:30 a.m. (I had to get up at 5:00 a.m., I didn't know there was a 5:00 a.m.) and reached Chicago around 11:00 a.m. We did stop once for a rest room break and snack if we wanted it.

The bus trip was good. Sue Beck kept us informed on what was going on and what to expect. The driver was very nice and very helpful, helping us 'older' ones up and down the steps. We were allowed to take pillows, blankets and snacks for our comfort and eating urges. They did have a restroom on the bus but Ruth and I braved it out and waited for the stop.

Since I'm not a morning

person, I slept while Ruth is a morning person, she snoozed coming home.

It was interesting going through Gary and seeing all the steel mills, we also had to go through three toll booths going and coming.

Sue Beck sold raffle tickets for prizes which was fun. I did win the Paulding Hospital gift bag and do appreciate the goodies in it.

On the way home we stopped and got a meal, and after that they showed a movie to pass the time. That made the trip not seem so long. We pulled back into the hospital lot a little after 11:00 p.m.

Now, here we go! I hadn't been in Chicago since I was a little girl so the first thing I did was look up at the skyscrapers. Ruth had been to Chicago before and she was the navigator and that was a good thing since I have no sense of direction.

What to do, What to do! Ruth made the itinerary since I'm not good at that, so I just told her where I wanted to go and let her plan the rest. She did a good job and did it the way we went to garage sales back in the day.

I was surprised to see people with roll away suitcases. That is a good idea, you can put your goodies in the suitcase and not have to carry it.

I couldn't believe the amount of people, just like you see on TV. The sidewalks were filled. We tried to guess who lived there and who were visitors.

There were men and women in business suits with the women wearing heels—I mean high heels. There were quite a few of these. We couldn't figure that one out. There were a couple of people asking for change and on two corners there were kids playing drums. The one set of kids were playing on plastic five gallon buckets. I thought that was pretty neat. We seen guys wearing sandwich boards.

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There were the trolleys of which some were double deckers with the people riding on the roof in the open air. There was no parking that I could see in the shopping district but cars were parked on the side streets with their blinkers on and could only stay there 30 minutes.

Sue had given us an itinerary of the different stores and restaurants, a map and also an Official Visitors Guide was available that told where everything was and even rated the restaurants on price. She also had advice where the men could go, such as the Harley Davidson Store.

Our first adventure was Crate and Barrell. All the stores in Chicago have revolving doors. Yes, we had an experience. Ruth and I tried to get in the same space in the door and I think we were almost stuck. We might as well have had visitor signs on our foreheads because there were two sales associated watching us and laughing. Some of the stores offered regular doors but I wanted to go through the revolving doors. Crate and Barrell was wonderful, but being women, Ruth and I love to look at kitchen things. They had some different items in there that were interesting—such as a steel silicone mudler (we had no clue), coffee tamper, mango pitter, avocado slicer and asparagus steamer. They also sold slate boards, we really couldn't figure that one out either. Ruth has slate boards from the roof of her house. Maybe she should sell them. There were many many more items. Ruth and I could have laid down some cash there, I tell you!

We went through the Lego Store, which we both loved, as we have grandchildren. The American Girl Store was full of little and big girls with dolls. The streets were full of American Girl Doll Bags. It is quite a popular store. It's really neat because you can glean a lot of history out of the books.

We went through so many stores including, of course, the Hershey's store. As soon as you walked into the store there was a girl handing everyone a piece of candy. The bags they give out with your purchases were so cute you just had to have one. My husband got Hershey bars out of the deal.

We went into the Water Tower Place Building and found it was like a mall with all different stores. We were both tired and sore by that time so we just sat in a lounge area on the second floor for a bit. We seen the most fascinating thing while sitting there. Here comes three or four people with fancy cameras with a couple that looked like they were of middle eastern descent. The couple looked like they had wedding clothes on with the women in red and gold and the man in ivory and gold robe. They stopped at the counter we were by and had a picture taken, then they walked to a wall painted red with a big blank space and had there picture painted there. Then off they all went to somewhere else. I should have asked one of the camera people what the scoop was, but I didn't.

Then we come to lunch and where to have it. We had planned to go to the Signature Room at the 95th floor of the John Hancock Center. It has a beautiful view of the city. We were advised that if it was foggy you wouldn't be able to see anything because it was above the clouds. We decided to go to Girodano's, an Italian place, for lunch instead. They had a great Ceaser Salad and the pizza was wonderful. The sauce was on top!

There was a grocery store on the avenue and I wanted to go in it. It was small and although it didn't have the items you will find at bigger stores, it had everything you need. It was also expensive. We ended up at (your not going to believe this) Walgreens, yes, on a corner. We found that it had the best and cheapest souvenirs.

We went through many, many more shops. But by that time, we had to get on the bus for home.

Sue Beck informed us that the trip made \$1,035 for Relay for Life.

Ruth and I both are very appreciative of the opportunity to go on this trip and want to go again. Next time we'll take a trolley and I want to go to Navy Pier.

A couple more things I want to mention is that on the way home we passed a meat market called 'Moo & Oink Meat Market'!

Now for the last thing, I did the shop's fancy dancy camera. There was one problem—I didn't really know how to adjust it. The only good (I hope) picture that turned out are at the Lego Store. Bryce will have to work his magic on the computer to fix it. Since then, Bryce, has given me some lessons and I hope that my pictures will start turning out better, if I can remember what he tells me.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Sue Beck for a most wonderful day. Watch for other fund raisers for Relay for Life.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTERS' TRAINING AT THE HOSPITAL

HICKSVILLE—The American Red Cross and the Hicksville Community Service Center will be sponsoring a Babysitters Certification Class on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at the Community Memorial Hospital.

The training class provides youth ages 11-15 with the in-

formation and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of their parents or guardians. It will help future babysitters to develop skills in leadership, professionalism, basic child care, safety, safe play practices, and first aid.

For more information on the program, prices of the program or to register for it, call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

LATTA RECOGNIZES "TAX FREEDOM DAY"

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement in recognition of "Tax Freedom Day."

"April 23rd marks the day when the average American worker meets his or her obligation to Uncle Sam and has earned enough money to pay their taxes at the local, state, and federal level. Tomorrow, working Americans can finally reap the benefits of their income instead of sending it to Washington. It is sad to realize that Americans are working nearly one-third of the year just to pay their taxes. Unfortunately, this date will continue to come later and later each year unless Congress provides much needed tax relief to working families and makes existing tax cuts permanent. What's worse is that the Democrat Congressional Leadership's solution to this problem is to implement the largest tax hike ever, which will only make this problem worse."

The Tax Foundation calculates Tax Freedom Day by dividing the government tally of taxes collected each year by the income earned each year. The Foundation then converts that percentage into days worked. For more information, go to <http://www.taxfoundation.org>.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BEADING CLASS AT THE LIBRARY

HICKSVILLE—Want to learn more about beading? Want to make a beaded bracelet? Then plan on attending the Beading Class on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Marolyn Mercer will teach you beading techniques and will walk you through making a beaded bracelet. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. There is a registration fee to cover materials.

For more information on the Beading Class or to register for it, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.



By: Chelsea Vail

...There ain't no telling who you might meet - a movie star or maybe even an Indian chief - working at the car wash... Okay, so we're not really expecting A-listers or Sitting Bull at the senior class car wash this Friday (and for that matter, what purpose would the presence of either party serve?). Regardless, the show must go on. All community members are invited to bring their vehicles to the school parking lot between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for a thorough (but gentle!) scrubbing. Reasonably priced for cars and vans or trucks, we can take a bite out of (your vehicle's) grime! Interior detailing will be available for an extra charge. Don't worry: we've banned streaking!

Well, streaking across the finish line is still okay (uniforms are mandatory!). You'll have plenty of chances to see the tracksters do just that this week, as well as a multitude of opportunities to watch baseball and softball teams compete in both league and non-league games.

JH Track: May 1, 4:30, @ Fairview; May 5, 4:30, @ Ayersville

Varsity Track: May 1, 4:30, @ Tinora; May 3, TBA, Bryan Invitational; May 6, 4:30, @ Edgerton

JV Baseball: May 2, 4:30, Lincolnview; May 5, 4:30, Tinora; May 6, 4:30, @ Edon

Varsity Baseball: May 1, 4:30, @ Holgate; May 5, 5:00, @ Kalida; May 6, 4:30, North Central

Varsity Softball: May 1, 4:30, @ Holgate; May 2, 5:00, @ Miller City; May 6, 4:30, Fairview

Word of the Week
 Confluence \KON-flew-uhnts\ **noun**

1. A flowing or coming together; junction

2. The place where two rivers, streams, etc. meet

3. A flocking or assemblage of a multitude in one place; a large collection or assemblage

Example: "Working a schedule around the confluence of events scheduled in early May could prove more difficult than it seems."

Until next time, remember: *those cars never seem to stop coming; keep those rags and machines running... Meanwhile, I'll be working at the car wash!*

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

On Saturday night, April 19 we and lots of other people attended the annual Spring 'Fish Fry' at the Antwerp Conservation Club out north of town on Rd. 53.

The working members of this club, over the last few years, have put together a beautiful and practical rest and recreation area.

They have facilities for trap shooting, all sizes of rifles, archery and places to sight in your guns. If you are a gun and sports enthusiast, this is the place for you. "Safety First" is their slogan.

After a couple of transactions, they own about 20 acres. They have built a clubhouse that is two stories tall and 60'x30'. They also have about an 8' roofed veranda on the east side. That is one of their best ideas because it gives them a lot of new space for a lot of activities. It has a Health Board approved kitchen area and this is all heated and air-conditioned. Their rifle shooting area is also under roof.

They have 100, 200, and 300 yard rifle ranges. There is at least two picnic areas and acres just to sit in your lawn chair in the shade! I understand it is also available for reunions, graduations, birthdays and other get togethers. There is plenty of parking and a good road leading up to it.

I understand some of the town's policemen use it for practice. There is lots of members and all are eligible to use the ranges at the trap shooting area.

The officers and men and women who planned and built this complex are to be congratulated for their foresightedness and the fact that they done this up right! I won't mention any names of

these workers, there are just too many of them. I'm proud to say that I am a member and we have room for you too!

Gun use and gun safety is one lesson that is preached and stressed at all times. It is a good place to learn!

Ever since I can remember there has always been a group here in Antwerp that cared about hunting, fishing, wildlife and the use of guns and the care for the same.

In the 1920's and up into the 1950's it was called The Antwerp Gun Club and was situated on a stone road later to be US 24 on east of town. I'm not sure, it was either where Mr. Schroeder's Trucking Co. is or it was across that fence to the east. It had a 10x20 foot building for an office and supplies. A good parking lot and two hutches for throwing the clay pigeons, or blue rock or skeet shooting, sometimes called shooting trap.

Here are some of the names of the old timers who were active at the gun club. Tiny DeLong, Harve DeLong, Clyde Quaintance, the Billman boys, Ducky Swann, Welden Powell, Thurman Powell, Pete Donat, Harry Terrill and Mr. Hoffmeister.

Along about that same time, over in Scipio Township, they had a unit called the Maumee Valley Fish & Game Club. They held their meetings at the Scipio Community Club and it was the second building on the right side of the Antwerp Road after you left the Scipio Church and went west. I know they had some dual meetings with the Antwerp Gun Club and a number of fish fries at the location. I can remember Harry Terrill cooking fish up there and Ed Meyers helped from the Antwerp Gun Club.

There was a lot of members from that area, all the Knapps and the Thompsons

and Burriers, Willie Phillips and others. I'm sure some of those boys all turned to archery about that time.

Then soon all the pheasants in Paulding County were gone and the younger fellows started to hunt fox and it was soon called The Fox Hunters. At that time there was a lot of fox in the area but no deer yet. Deer came a little later.

I have talked to some of the members of The Antwerp Conservation Club and they are not sure when that name was taken. These men belonged to some of the clubs from 1920 until the present time. There was even a Coon Hunter group. I don't think there was ever a fishing club. But I think that over the years as each club or group petered out it moved on and is now very prosperous as The Antwerp Conservation Club.

Getting back to 1950 and the Antwerp Gun Club. That was the designation when Pete Donat went down to Vandalia and won the Grand American Trap Shoot for that year. There was a man from Bryan who won that event a few years before, he was also a member of the Antwerp Club.

Going back over the years The Antwerp Conservation Club, in my estimation, was all of those other fellows combined.

I think that as the years went on, father and son and grandson, according to the generations, were all hunters, traders and trappers and wildlife enthusiasts. As long as we have people like these, we will have game, wildlife and people who push conservation.

Here are the names of the people who won prizes at the fish fry Saturday, April 19: The 50-50 drawing - Steve Provines, The Muzzer Loader - Terry McNabb, Ice Cream Freezer - Lloyd Graber, Quilt Rack - Mike Studebaker. If you didn't get out to the fish fry you missed a good meal and a good time. Maybe you can make the one in the Fall.

See, Ya!

WHAT IS HISTORY?

By: Stan Jordan

History is our life each day, day in, day out. You can't change it if you wanted to. Like the song writer said, 'Yesterday is dead and gone, tomorrow is out of sight'.

We here in Paulding County are a small town, middle Americas, work-a-day, every day, the type of people who make this nation the wonderful country that is.

Whether you know it or not or even give a hoot, all of us, are a steady stream of habits.

We get up about the same

time each working day, get ourselves ready to meet the world and then go to breakfast and that's pretty much the same thing everyday with little variation. Then into the car and go to work. You greet your friends and then to your machine, cubicle, class room or what ever your vocation is. If you didn't bring your lunch, you tear out to the usual place and then back in 30 minutes. You work hard and glance at the clock to see if 4:30 will ever come. Then home you go in the same old convenient area—the some route and the same old scenery.

After the evening meal and a little rest and relaxation and the news, weather and sports and it's off to bed again.

The same old dreary, dull, day, not necessarily, yesterday is now history.

Remember you had a flat tire coming home; from your girl softball players, remember you played your hearts out but lost to Bitter Creek Consolidation 2-1? You will think of that loss a number of times. Kole hit a triple and we let her die on third! One little single or 'Texas Leaguer' and we would have won the game. You see, that is now history, you can't change it or alter it—it's gone forever! But lots of times in your later life you will remember that close game you lost with Bitter Creek Consolidation.

And so the fellow with the flat tire, if I had checked those tires, it would have been easier than running on it flat. But that's history and you can't change it.

Every morning, when you arise, yesterday is history. You young folks will have lots more historic days to remember. Some good, some not so!

But older folks like myself, we have many memories, 80 years worth!

Why, you do too! Remember when Antwerp had three water towers? Do you remember when US 24 was a stone road?

Over the past 2½ years, I have tried to bring you each week, a story of old Antwerp. Before you leave this earth, you too will be able to tell lots of stories about your life, all eras of it, to your children and grandchildren. History goes on, every hour of everyday.

Recently I talked with Bob Lichty and Collie Lamb over in Payne, with Mike Arnd in Paulding, with Dick Gordon and Loren Smith in Hicksville. They all like history and they relate that the older they get the more they enjoy it.

You can say history just happens or you can help it happen, so the big thing is, to enjoy yourself, have a good day, everyday and make it count!

We are not all bad and we are not all good!!

And this column is 'History'!

See, Ya!

ANTWERP UMC HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the Antwerp United Methodist Church on Friday, May 2 from 1:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. For more information contact 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).



RUTH HURLEY: NEW RESIDENT AT MANOR HOUSE

By: Sue Knapp

Ruth Hurley was born in Vaughnsville, OH in Putnam County. Her parents, Clarence and Augusta Vandemark, had nine children. Clarence was a farmer and had all kinds of livestock. Ruth remembers milking cows and helping with chores. The family went through the depression and although they never went hungry they each had one pair of socks. They would wash them out every night so they could be wore the next day.

Ruth and her husband, Blake, was in the same class and married after graduation. Blake was the son of a Methodist minister.

Blake worked for Lima Locomotive, and after 10 years, went to embalming school and was a funeral director for 30 years. He and Ruth ran Hurley Funeral Home in Hicksville which was located on High Street. The Funeral Home opened in the '50's and ran for 18 years. After selling the Funeral Home, they moved around a lot while Blake worked for different funeral homes.

Ruth and Blake were married for 47 years and had three daughters. Ruth has a multitude of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She

will soon be 90 years young.

Before Ruth moved into the Manor House she lived in Lima, OH. She moved here to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

She has lived in Manor House for a few weeks now and was surprised to discover people she knew from Hicksville also there.

She loves the activities, Sunday services and says, "I don't think there could be any nicer place that here, everybody is wonderful and the food is good. Everyone is so kind and will do anything for you."

Ruth, you are a joy and a wonderful lady. You, my friend, are very kind and I was very privileged to meet and talk with you.

caption: Ruth and Sarah: Chantelle Marshall brought Sarah, a foster dog from Dekalb Humane Shelter, to visit the residents at the Manor House. Sarah and Ruth got along very well.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/30 THROUGH 5/6

4/30 - Goulash or cheeseburger on bun, banana, B&PB, salad, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

5/1 - Corn dog or beef-bacon on bun, french fries, peaches, brownie, milk; PLUS: salad bar or celery w/ peanut butter

5/2 - Chicken quesadilla or tuna salad sandwich, salad, pineapple, cookie, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

5/5 - Hot dog on bun or shrimp poppers, baked beans, peach crisp, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

5/6 - Grilled chicken or BBQ rib on bun, potatoes au gratin, gogurts, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or peanut butter bar

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A league meeting will be held May 1 at 6:00 pm at the AGC clubhouse. Those interest in joining the league are encouraged to attend!



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

It is difficult to believe there is just a month left in the 2007-2008 school year. Although the calendar indicates the year is winding down, we are actually very busy with end of the year activities. Awards programs, concerts and student programs highlight the month of May. Please check the district calendar and support our students with your attendance at these celebrations.

May 4-10 is National Teacher Appreciation Week with Tuesday, May 6 designated as National Teacher Day. Please take time during this week to thank a teacher who made a difference in your life. Paulding Exempted Village Schools are proud of our teachers and believe they make a difference in the lives of children every day.

Our last day of school will be May 27, unless we have an additional calamity day. Our extended day schedule will continue through May 27 due to the cancellation on April 21. The cooperation of parents, teachers, and students on the implementation of the extended day has been greatly appreciated.

The Class of 2008 will celebrate Commencement on May 25 at 2:30 as our 120th graduating class from Paulding High School. The ceremony will be in the high school gym. We congratulate our senior class on their many accomplishments in reaching this milestone and wish them the best as they continue on a journey of lifelong learning.

Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller

During the month of May, students at Paulding Elementary will have plenty of activities to enjoy. Right To Read Week will be from May 5-May 9. The theme for this week is "Exercise Your Right To Read". A special assembly, "The Ned Show", is scheduled for May 8. The assembly combines a great message with yo-yos, humor, and audience participation to teach students to never give up, encourage others, and do your best.

Music teacher Mrs. Sloan and her spring elementary musical cast will present "Three of a Kind" Thursday, May 15 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the auditoria.

Elementary students that qualify for the 4th Nine week Positive Behavior Support Program incentive will get to play on the "Inflatable Toys" Thursday, May 22.

During the past month, the following students were recognized for their outstanding Positive Behavior: Kindergarten-Seth Dysinger, Matthew Henry, Robert Hobart, Amber Kuratko; Grade 1-Heather Manz, Eric Rhees, Casey Holman, Ethan Letso; Grade 2-Maya O'Dell, Michael Cramer, Spencer Price, Autumn Stahl; Grade 3-Jacob Rodriguez, Logan Shaner, Cassidy Jones, Cherish Porter; Grade 4-Miranda Dermon, Allison Harpel, Kelsey Beck, Emilee Ringler; Grade 5-Hannah English, Brooke Clemens, Chris Plummer, Taylor Ankney.

In addition, the following staff members were nominated by students for their outstanding efforts toward creating a positive learning environment: Grade 5 Teacher Mrs. Bradford-nominated by Anthony Stoller; Intervention Teacher Mrs. Miller-nominated by Alexis Schmidt; Art Teacher Mrs. Nofziger-nominated by Emily Knodel; Grade 5 Teacher Mr. Manz-nominated by Chris Torres.

April Student of the Month was Kaylene Hale. Kaylene earned (8) PAWS Cards for demonstrating positive behavior in association with our character trait word program.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! When you read this, our students in grades 3-6 will nearly be finished with their Ohio Achievement Tests. I am impressed with the way the students have taken these tests seriously and have made every effort to use the knowledge and skills they have acquired to show what they know! I appreciate the support parents and families have given our students during this testing week – keeping appointments off of testing days, ensuring

plenty of sleep, preparing healthy breakfasts, and expressing encouragement.

During the week of April 7-11, Safe Schools Week, we practiced the tornado drill, the fire drill, and a lock down/evacuation drill. While we hope it is never necessary to use our emergency plans, it is important we be prepared to safely account for and take care of everyone in the unfortunate event of a disaster. Staff and students alike took these drills very seriously. We encourage you to take the time to create, or review, and practice your own emergency plans at home.

On April 3, we held our local Battle of the Books competition. After having to go into a tie-breaker round of questions, the fifth grade team of Katie Carnahan, Jacob Dingus, Kastin Kelly, Ellie Miller, Julie Rhees, and Laurel Wehrkamp won the right to represent our school at the Paulding County Battle of the Books on April 15. The Battle of the Books is sponsored by the Paulding County Carnegie Library, and we want to thank the library staff for organizing this event to encourage an interest in reading many different kinds of books.

On April 11, the students who earned their March P.A.W.S. Reward gathered in the café for Puttin' On The Hits. Earlier in the month, students who earned the right to attend the event had the opportunity to get a group of friends together and sign up to perform for the rest of the student body. We had twenty-eight acts, and many of them proved to be potential stars!! A good time was had by all who earned this reward!

Oakwood Elementary has a lot going on in May with our Right-To-Read "Wild about Reading Extravaganza." The teachers, led by Mrs. Brenda Troyer, have many special activities planned including a visit from an author, a trip to the local library, performances by a storyteller, a visit from the Ft. Wayne Children's Zoo, and more. We are looking forward to this exciting promotion of reading!!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School!

The school year is quickly coming to a close and I need to pass along much information on past and upcoming events.

Our 6th grade Battle of the Books team, consisting of Sierra McCullough, Kelsi Manz, Sidney Salinas, Jaci Schlatter, and Cece Weidenhamer won our local competition and then traveled to the county battle where they tied Grover Hill in regulation, and then lost by two in the tie breaker. Great job to these fine ladies.

On April 10, our 8th grade Personal Finance class was treated to a Real World, Real Money simulation demonstration. Many area business people presented to these students how the real world operates. A big THANK YOU to all of them. It was truly appreciated.

May is a very busy month around here. We are in the middle of the Ohio Achievement testing. This makes for a long hard week. I believe we will do very well.

Our Middle School AWARDS DAY will be May 15 at noon in the H.S. gym. Last year we honored over 300 students for their accomplishments during the school year, and this year seems to be even bigger and better. The public is invited to attend.

On May 16, our 7th graders will be visiting the Toledo Art Museum. Mrs. Lee Ann Favorito received a grant that will pay for our trip. Thank you to her for seeing that our 7th graders get to experience this culture.

On the last day of school, (May 27 at this point), we will be holding our 8th grade graduation ceremony. This will be held in the H.S. gym at 1:00. The public is invited to attend this celebration, as well.

Our 8th grade class trip to Cedar Point is set for June 9. We will leave the school at 7:00 a.m. and should arrive back around 10:00 p.m.. This is always an exciting day and I thank my chaperones in advance for helping out with the kids that day. It wears us out, but the kids enjoy and deserve it.

During the school year, 6th grade Reading teacher, Mr. Roger Gasser, has had parent volunteers come into his room to help kids

with reading. I want to thank them very much for their efforts in helping our kids.

Their kindness and willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

I sincerely THANK YOU for all your continued support of our schools. Without the support of the Paulding community, we could never accomplish what we do here. I again thank you and wish everyone a very great May and an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

High School-Todd Harmon

The High School will be hosting prom in the auditoria from 8:00-11:30 on May 3, with after prom activities after the dance. ANY student planning on being at prom MUST have student fees paid or a payment plan established in the high school office.

PHS is proud of Jon Ross who recently receive the Franklin B. Walter Scholastic Award. This prestigious honor is given to only one individual in the county. Audrey Nice was one of 70 students selected throughout the state to participate at the 2008 Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted from June 22-June 28 at The Ohio State University -Congratulations Audrey! PHS congratulates Estee Arend for being selected to Buckeye Girls State and Clint Vance for being selected for Buckeye Boys State.

PHS would like to thank the many students for their part in making this year's FFA banquet successful. Also special thanks to the sponsors and all the parents who helped in various capacities.

Karen Schlatter led NHS students on a trip to Chicago where all had an excellent time. Thanks to Jonathan Chesman, Sharon Bradford and all those who helped with the band trip to Florida as they had an excellent time participating in the events. Krisi Williams, Angel Perry, Marilyn and Bill Gangwer coached Science Olympiad members resulting in state medals for Eric Ross, Zack Shafer, Ryan Jones and Jessica Strable. Congratulations on a superior performance! Karen Schlatter and Jim Miller worked hard to schedule students for the 2008-09 school year. Finally, Good Luck to our track, softball and baseball teams as they set their sights on winning their competitions.

The Senior Awards program is scheduled for May 12 at 7:30 p.m. and the Underclassmen Awards program will be May 20 at 7:00 p.m. Both events will be held in the auditoria.

Graduation is around the corner so parents of seniors, please stay on top of your child so all necessary credits will be obtained to participate in the ceremony. Seniors met with the principal and guidance counselors to cover the expectations for a successful graduation ceremony. All fees must be paid before your senior may participate in graduation or receive a diploma. Parents, remember that on May 23, seniors MUST be in attendance at practice or they will not participate in the ceremony. Please have an extra alarm clock set for the morning of May 23.

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

Our school district, under the direction of Chuck Schroeder, will be offering two basketball camps on June 2-6, 2008. The first camp will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. each day. Any boy or girl entering grades 1-3 is eligible to attend. The second camp will be for boys only entering grades 4-8, and will run from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. each day.

Registration forms were sent home with students the first week of April. Anyone that still needs a form may pick one up in any of the school offices, or contact Chuck Schroeder at 419-399-4656, ext. 1285.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS

The Oakwood Elementary third grade will present a patriotic program at 10:00 a.m. on May 26. The program will be held in the Oakwood gym and conclude at the park. The Paulding High School band will provide music for the Memorial Day services in the Live Oak Cemetery on May 26, followed by a performance on the Courthouse lawn. Please join us in honoring those who have fought for our freedom.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Physicals for athletic participants will be held on June 10, 2008 at the high school. The cost of the physicals will be \$15, payable to Dr. Kuhn. The schedule of physicals

is as follows; however, if any student cannot come at the scheduled time, or would like to come with a sibling, they can come anytime from 8:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m.

HS Boys 8-9:30am HS Girls 12:30-1:30pm

MS Boys 9:30-11am MS Girls 1:30-3pm

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Boys/Girls Track

May 1	Ott.-Gland@Lincolnview	4:30
May 5	Crestv/Ottov@Wayne Tr	5:00
May 6	Tinora@Defiance	4:30
May 9	NWC Meet@Spencerville	4:15

HS Boys/Girls Track

May 1	Hicksville-T	4:30
May 3	Bryan Inv.-T	9:30
May 6	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
May 8	Fairview-H	4:30
May 12	Wayne Trace Relays-T	4:30
May 15	NWC Meet@Ada	4:30
May 17	NWC Meet@Ada	10:00
May 19	Antwerp@Wayne Trace	4:30

JV Baseball

May 1	LCC-H	5:00
May 2	Crestview-T	5:00
May 5	Napoleon-T	4:30
May 8	Wayne Trace-T	4:30
May 9	Antwerp-T	4:30
May 10	Edgerton (DH)-H	11:00
May 13	Fairview-T	4:30
May 15	LCC-T	5:00
May 16	Crestview-H	5:00
May 19	Tourney@Antwerp-T	4:00
May 22	Tourney@Antwerp-T	TBA

Varsity Baseball

May 1	Spencerville-T	5:00
May 2	Col. Grove-H	5:00
May 5	Allen East-H	5:00
May 8	Bluffton-T	5:00
May 9	Antwerp-H	4:30
May 12	Van Wert-H	4:30
May 15	Napoleon-H	4:30
May 16	Hicksville-T	4:30
May 17	Bryan-T	6:00

JV Softball

May 2	Antwerp-H	4:30
May 5	Bryan-H	4:30
May 6	Allen East-H	5:00
May 8	Lincolnview-T	5:00
May 10	Spencerville (DH)-T	12:00
May 12	Elida-H	5:00
May 13	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
May 15	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
May 16	Fairview-T	4:30

Varsity Softball

May 1	Spencerville-T	5:00
May 3	Tinora (DH)-H	10:00
May 5	Allen East-H	5:00
May 6	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
May 8	Bluffton-T	5:00
May 13	Fairview-T	4:30
May 15	Defiance-H	4:30
May 16	Elida-H	5:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

May 1-3	FFA State Convention-Columbus	
May 3	PE 3rd Gr. Wizards Game	4:00
May 5-9	Ohio Ach. Tests Make-up Date	
May 2	HS Band State Contest	
May 3	Prom-Auditeria	8-11:30
May 3	After Prom-PE Gym	12-3:00
May 4	MS Spring Band Concert-Aud.	3:00
May 7	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00
May 7	Sci. Olym. Bstr Mtg-Aud	7:00
May 8	Oak 6th Grade Dance	6-8:00
May 9	Oak Math Masters Skate	1-3:00
May 9	JH Band Contest	
May 11	HS Spring Band Concert-Aud.	3:00
May 12	Oak Preschool Prog-Café	6:30
May 12	Senior Awards Prog.-Aud	7:30
May 13	PE Field Day	9:00-2:00
May 13	Oak 5th/6th Gr Band/Ch Conc.	7:00-7:00
May 13	Choir Concert-Aud.	8:00
May 14	Oak April Student/Month Lunch	
May 14	Baccalaureate-Aud.	7:00
May 15	MS Awards Prog.-HS Gym	12:00
May 15	PE Musical-"Three of a Kind"	2:30
May 16	FFA Chapter Mtg/Cookout	3:30
May 17	FFA Work Day@Fairgrounds	
May 19	FFA Alumni Mtg-Ag Room	7:15
May 19-21	Senior Exams	
May 20	Oak Field Day	
May 20	HS Underclass Awards-Aud.	7:00
May 20	Board Mtg-Adm. Bd. Rm.	7:00
May 21	MS Puttin in the Hits-Aud 8:00a.m.	
May 21	Oak 6th Gr. Visit to M.S.	10-2:15
May 21	Oak K-A Kdr. Program	2:30
May 22, 23, 27	Underclassmen Exams	
May 22	PE-"The Inflatables"	9:00-3:00
May 22	Oak K-B Kdr. Program	2:30
May 22	Oak 6th Gr. Awards Prog.	6:30
May 23	Mandatory H.S. Graduation Practice	
May 23	Oak 3rd Gr. Mem. Day Rehearsal	
May 25	H.S. Graduation-H.S. Gym	2:30
May 26	Oak Memorial Day Prog.	10:00
May 26	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00
May 27	8th Gr. Grad-H.S. Gym	1:00
May 27	Last Day of School	



Hicksville opposed Antwerp Thursday, April 24th in softball. Freshman Loni Walk tries to stop Aces' Amber Tadsen as she steals 3rd. The Archers won 8-2. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Lincolnview Lancers opposed the Panthers Thursday, April 24th. The Lancer catcher shows her disappointment as Paulding Junior Katie Keeran scores a run. The Lancers won 9-8 in another tight game for Paulding. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

DOUBLE WINS FOR ARCHER SOFTBALL LAST WEEKEND

The softball team put together a successful weekend and moved their record to 10-5 as it defeated Fayette on Friday afternoon April 25 and North Central, in a double header, on Saturday, April 26.

On Friday Bryn Schlatter flirted with a no hitter before allowing a single with two outs in the sixth inning. On the night Bryn allowed one hit while striking out 14 and walking two in the 5-0 win. Vanessa Gordon picked up the save in one inning of work on the mound.

At the plate Kole Schlatter led off with a home run while Kelsey Bashore, Loni Walk, Vanessa Gordon chipped in with singles.

Saturday, Schlatter was back on the mound and this time picked up her first no hitter of the season against North Central. In the 11-0 victory Schlatter struck out 11, walked four and allowed no hits in the six inning victory. Schlatter helped her own cause at the plate by ripping 3 singles during the game.

Darcie Reinhart chipped in for the Archers at the plate with a single and a home run and 4 RBI's, while Kelsey Bashore added a single and a triple.

In the second game Vanessa Gordon posted her second win of the season in an 8-7 victory over North Central by striking out 7 and walking 2.

Amanda Riebersal led the Archers with a single, double and a triple while Loni Walk pounded out two singles and a double. Multiple singles by Jessie Arnold, Alaine Wetli rounded out the 13 hit attack.

ARCHER SOFTBALL RACK UP WIN AGAINST EDGERTON

The softball team traveled to Edgerton on April 22 in a GMC match-up and walked away with a 5-3 nine inning victory.

Bryn Schlatter received some much needed support offensively in her 9 inning, 10

strikeout performance.

After Edgerton took a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning the seniors got the team on track and were able to score the tying run in the top of the seventh on an RBI single by Kole Schlatter.

Moving to the ninth, a two RBI double by senior Christy Kortokrax was enough to provide the winning margin in support of Bryn Schlatter's stellar outing. The softball team now stand 2 and 1 in the GMC.

WAYNE TRACE JV SOFTBALL LOSE TWO IN DOUBLE HEADER

The Wayne Trace JV Lady Raiders hosted a double header with the Fort Loramie Redskins on Saturday, April 26, 2008.

In the first game Macy Crooks went the distance in the 14-9 loss for the Lady Raiders. Leading the way for WT at the plate were, Kelsey Heck going 3 for 4 with 3 runs scored. Maria Schaefer also was 3 for 4 with a single, double and a triple.

The second contest was another exciting game with the visitors winning 7-6. Abbey Linder was the losing pitcher in a game which saw some excellent hitting by both teams during this five inning contest.

Wayne Trace's top batters were Aryn Denny and Heather Bidlack with Singles; Macy Crooks with a double and Kelsey Heck with two triples.

The Lady Raiders season record is now 6 wins an 3 losses.

WAYNE TRACE VS. AYERSVILLE IN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

April 24 the Raiders swung bats with the Pilots in Softball action. The final score was a Raider victory: Wayne Trace 6, Ayersville 3.

Wayne Trace had 6 runs, 13 hits, 3 errors, while Ayersville had 3 runs, 4 hits, 1 error

Winning Pitcher - Courtney Young (7 innings, 4 hits, 1 earned run, 5 walks, 4 strikeouts); Losing Pitcher - Mengerink (7 innings, 13 hits, 6 earned runs, 0 walks, 7 strikeouts)

Wayne Trace (13 hits) - Becky Ruble (two singles, triple, RBI, two runs), Lindsay Ross (three doubles, two RBI), Brenna Dunham (single, double)

Ayersville (4 hits) - McCurdy (two singles), Grunden (double)

Wayne Trace is now 5-9 overall and 2-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

ARCHERS CLAIM VICTORY OVER RIVAL ACES IN SOFTBALL ACTION

The softball team hosted rival Hicksville in a GMC contest on the afternoon of April 24 and came away with an 8-2 victory.

A one hit pitching performance by Bryn Schlatter coupled with 11 strikeouts was too much for the visiting Aces to handle.

Offensively, the Archers put together seven hits with triples by Kole Schlatter and Amanda Riebersal. Darcie Reinhart knocked a double and Kelsey Bashore smacked two singles and provided three RBI's in the conference victory.

LADY WARRIORS STEAL VICTORY FROM LADY TROJANS IN SOFTBALL

Woodlan pulled away with a victory on April 26 with a win over Elmhurst. The Lady Warrior's record now stands at 10-4. They had 16 runs, 10 hits, 3 errors; 2B - Wentz (W); 3B - Kirkwood (W); HR - Knoblauch (W), Delagrange (W); and WP - Kirkwood

Elmhurst had 3 runs, 4 hits, 5 errors; and LP - Williams

LADY RAIDER JV SOFTBALL KEEP A VICTORY AT HOME AGAINST APACHES

Wayne Trace Junior Varsity raised their record to 6 and 1 after posting a 4-3 win at home with Fairview on April 25.

Abbey Linder pitched all 8 innngs in the win with 8 strike-outs.

Leading the way for the Lady Raiders were Kelsey Heck and Maria Schaefer each with a single and a double. Heck also had two RBI's. The Lady Raider defense once again had another outstanding night in the field.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK HOST MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Paulding Reservoir Park will host men's class D & E tournaments on May 3rd and 17th. Hit your own ball, first 16 teams. To enter please call

Ron at 419-399-2981.

ONE WIN - ONE LOSS FOR ARCHER IN DOUBLE HEADER

The Archers softball team hosted Lincolnview April 18 and came away with a 2-1 victory. Bryn Schlatter picked up the win on the mound throwing 7 innings allowing 3 hits and striking out 8. At the plate the team was led by Alaine Wetli with a single and Kole Schlatter with a single and an RBI.

On Saturday, April 19 the softball team traveled to Paulding to take on the Panthers and Van Wert. In the first game Vanessa Gordon picked up her first varsity win in as many outings. Vanessa pitched 9 innings allowing 9 hits while striking out 4 and walking none. The Archers were able to crack out 12 hits in the 7-4, nine inning win.

Toni Winslow went 2 for 4 with two singles and RBI, Nit Major was 2 for 3 with two doubles and an RBI, followed by Amanda Riebersal's 1 for 3 effort with a double and an RBI.

In the nightcap, The Archers again went into extra innings before falling to Van Wert 3-2 in eight innings. Bryn Schlatter suffered the loss on the mound, allowing 8 hits while striking out 10 and walking 2. The Archers were only able to muster 3 hits against Van Wert with singles by Toni Winslow, Amanda Riebersal, and Darcie Reinhart.

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOLERS HAVE SPECIAL SHOW AND TELL



Mr. Dan Howell and his son, Colton Howell, recently visited his school, Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool with three beautiful rabbits. Shown here from the left is: Hailey Weidenhamer holding a Hip Hip a Californian, Mr. Howell and Kayden Sarver

holding Sally a Lionhead, and Colton holding Jessie a Mini Lop. We learned a lot about rabbits that day, especially that they are very fun to hold! These children are in the morning 4's and young 5 year old class with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/30 THROUGH 5/6

- MS/HS - Breakfast*
 4/30 - Bacon, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 5/1 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 5/2 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
 5/5 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 5/6 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch
 4/30 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, bread or breaded pork on a bun, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 5/1 - Breaded chicken on a bun, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 5/2 - Sub sandwich, cross-trax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 5/5 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/country gravy or beef stew w/biscuit, assorted fruit, milk
 5/6 - Fish sandwich, au-gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch
 4/30 - Ham deli, mini carrots, fruit cup, milk
 5/1 - Fish on a bun, au-gratin potatoes, fruit cup, milk
 5/2 - Hot dog on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 5/5 - Hearty hamburgers, jumping jack tator tots, antioxidant compote (fruit cup), calcium infusion (milk)
 5/6 - Boneless protein morsels (chicken nuggets), push up potatoes w/groovin'

ACS CAN FIGHT BACK EXPRESS TO STOP IN DEFIANCE

As part of a six-month, 48-state tour, the Fight Back Express bus will make one of its 16 Ohio stops in Defiance on May 5th, carrying the message, "If one person can battle cancer, a nation can rise up and defeat it." The tour, sponsored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), is highlighting the crucial role elected officials play in making cancer a national priority. As government is a critical partner in the fight against cancer, changes in policies and programs at the federal, state and local levels have the potential to effectively help defeat a disease that will kill an estimated 565,650 people in America this year.

Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and their families will hold a rally to welcome the ACS CAN Fight Back Express, a mobile action center where visitors can share their story with their elected officials through the electronic Picture A Cure program and sign a petition to guarantee all Americans access to quality health care. The Defiance stop will feature local individuals speaking on their experiences with colorectal cancer and issues with access to care during their cancer treatment. The public is also encouraged to stop by to sign the bus to show their support and dedication to the fight against cancer. The ACS CAN Fight Back Express bus tour comes on the heels of a major public education campaign by ACS CAN and the American Cancer Society to raise awareness about the critical need for access to quality health care for all Americans.

The ACS CAN Fight Back Express kicks off its tour on May 4 in Cleveland, OH and will travel across the 48 continental United States through Election Day, November 4. More about the ACS CAN Fight Back Express is available at www.acscan.org/bus.

Who: Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and their families
 What: ACS CAN Fight Back Express Bus Stop
 Where: McDonald Building, Defiance Ohio (corner of Clinton and Fort St.)
 When: Monday May 5th, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/30 THROUGH 5/6

- Breakfast:*
 4/30 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 5/1 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 5/2 - Turnover, milk
 5/5 - Pizza, milk
 5/6 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
Lunch:
 4/30 - Cheese or chicken quesadilla, tossed salad, peaches, milk
 5/1 - Walking taco, meat/cheese, lettuce/salsa, sour cream, juice bar, milk
 5/2 - Pizza cheese or pepperoni, corn, applesauce, milk
 5/5 - Mac/cheese, green beans, pineapple, milk
 5/6 - Chicken nuggets, fries, applesauce, milk

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY

- Family Night at the Library** - Tuesdays, May 13, 20, 27, 2008, 6:30 p.m. - Bring the family and join us at the library for stories, games, and crafts.
SMART START STORY-TIME - Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m. - Each program features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.
Making Memories with MOM - Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. - It's a special program just for moms. There will be mom stories, mom songs, a Mom Memory Jar to make and pizza to eat! Please call by May 1st to register.
Beginning Internet Instruction - By Appointment Only - Adults we will be glad to show you how our new on-line catalog works, along with ways to use the Internet. Call for an appointment.

CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO WITH DORA THE EXPLORER MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

HICKSVILLE—Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Dora the Explorer Movie Night at the Johnson Memorial Library. On Monday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m., the library will be showing a Dora the Explorer Movie. The movie night is free and is open to everyone. "Popcorn and pop will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library," shared Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "So if you're looking to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, want to learn a little more about Hispanic culture, or just want to enjoy Dora's Fairytale Adventures, then head on out to the Johnson Memorial Library." If you have any questions or would like additional information about Cinco de Mayo Movie Night, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200.

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY HOLDS SCHOOL-WIDE GEOGRAPHY BEE

To see Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole artifacts at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, you would travel to this state? How well do you know your geography? Eight students from the sixth and fifth grades competed for the title of "Woodburn Elementary Geography Bee Champion" during the Geography Bee held on Thursday, April 24 in the school's cafeteria. The students competed in eight rounds of competition answering questions from the following categories: State and Local, United States Geography, Historical Places, Continents, Physical Geography, Traveling Around the World, and Odd Item Out. Kaleb Nelson, a fifth grader in Mrs. Salzbrenner's class, was crowned the Geography Bee champion by answering the following question: "To see dingoes in the wild and to visit the Sydney Harbour Bridge, you would travel to



what country?" Kaleb's correct answer of Australia earned him the championship. Rebekah Dignal, a fifth grader in Mrs. Price's class, was named runner-up. The representatives from the fifth grade included: Tynan Easterday and Vickie Cook. The sixth grade participants included: Caleb Stieglitz, Keri Koening, Cody Wood, and Nick Powell. Congratulations to all of the contestants for their hard work and wonderful sportsmanship.



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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Trace. Trace is a one year old pointer mix. He is very calm and eager to learn. Please come and visit him and all the other adoptable dogs on Fridays from 2:00-6:00 p.m. or call to make an appointment to meet your new best friend.

Please visit our website to see our adoptable dogs at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html. There are always new dogs coming in every-day.

The Paulding County Dog Warden's office will be conducting door to door dog license checks all around the county. If you have not purchased your dog license this year you can still do so at the Paulding County Auditor's Office located in the court house or at the Dog Warden's office. There is a penalty fee assessed for any dog license purchased after January 31.

ANTWERP COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp held its regular council meeting on April 21 at 6:30 p.m. All were present.

Visitors included Dick Dunderman questioning the new format for the water and sewer bills. He asked why the council didn't raise the reconnection rates from \$25 to \$50. The council will take it under advisement. He also informed the council of a farm truck tearing up the streets in town.

Visitors Karen Sanders and Nancy Lichty presented the council with a picture of what the Veteran's Memorial could look like. The Veteran's Memorial Committee signed Homier's to fix the statue in the park. Homier's will move it to their shop and fix it. The council wanted to make sure that if it was damaged to and from that it would not come back on them for the damage. Nancy and Karen also asked permission that when the statue did come back that it could be placed in a different area in the park. They also asked if the cannon could be taken out to Sander's Body Shop to be restored. A motion was made and approved for these things to be done.

The matter of tiling the park as it is very soggy also came up.

Visitor Suzanne Rister from Save Our Homes asked about the new water and sewer billing and is concerned

for those who have trouble paying on time. She made the comment that she didn't think people really didn't understand how the new billing will be set up.

Visitor Donna Miller also was concerned about the new billing.

Visitors Belinda Miller and Michelle Schafer from the State Auditor's Office explained the 5 year forecast for our town.

They informed the council that the EMS and Police Department are coming out of fiscal watch due to the new village tax. The general fund is doing well and the storm water fund is staying stable. The Police fund will need subsidizing from the general fund to keep stable. Most of the line items were doing well except for the water and sewer. They are both in decline as more money is going out to keep them up then going in for upkeep. Sarah Keeran commented that it had been years since the rates have been raised. The auditors informed the council that until the town could fix this problem it would remain on fiscal watch.

Council reported that for donations for anything the village owned or village property the organization will have to provide a tax exempt certificate from that organization and that all monies had to be accounted for.

Speeding problems on Waterplant Drive were discussed.

Paulding contacted Antwerp to see if the Village would be interested in being part of a project to fix streets. Other communities will also be asked.

The Safe Route to School Project is in the planning stage.

Handicap signs will be put up in the ball park.

Riverside Park's clean up day will be Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. with community service workers helping and volunteers are also needed. The rain date is May 17.

Steve Parrish has offered to paint the park buildings at no cost for labor. The Village will provide the paint.

The low bid on new furnace for the town hall was from Matt Hormann of Hormann's Heating and Cooling. The bid was for \$3,500. It was motioned to go with Hormann's.

The A.C.D.C. is continuing to raise monies for the restoration of the Depot. The Village will need \$33,400 for design, documents and environmental submits. The Village is going to request the Commissioners for help in this.

Administrator's Report:

Sarah talked about a clean up day in the Village. The Village hasn't sponsored one for two years. She is in the process of getting bids. The Sanitation Company will charge for anything with freon in it.

Police Chief Clemens reported 118 calls for service with 52 offenses. The new cruiser will be coming soon. Cruiser #2 motor is blown, Cruiser #1 needs repairs and Cruiser #3 is okay. Another cruiser may have to be purchased in five years.

A citizen requested more lights in Dutchman Cove, it will be looked into.

Ordinance #2008-15: an ordinance amending section 5 of ordinance # 2005-07 establishing regulations for use of water, methods of payment, collection methods and water rates for the Village of Antwerp, county of Paulding, Ohio. First reading.

Ordinance #2008-16: an ordinance amending section 4 of ordinance # 81-32 establishing rates and charges for the use and service of the municipal sewage works for the municipality of Antwerp, County of Paulding County. First reading.

Ordinance # 2008- 17 an ordinance amending section 4 of ordinance # 2005-10 establishing a storm water utility program, methods of payments, regulations and regulations and collection methods for the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio. First reading

Ordinance # 2008-18: An ordinance authorizing the fiscal officer to amend appropriation and declaring it an emergency.

Resolution # 2008-02: A resolution memorializing the Village of Antwerp, Ohio's open records mission statement and statement of principals; and declaring the same an emergency.

Ordinance # 2008-13: an ordinance establishing a public records policy for the village of Antwerp, Ohio and declaring the same an emergency.

Ordinance # 2008-14: An ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Police Fund in the amount of \$10,000 and declare the same to be an emergency.

Ordinance #2008-21: an ordinance amending ordinance # 2008-03 authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing emergency medical service and declaring the same an emergency.

Ordinance # 2008-20: An ordinance amending ordinance # 2008-02 authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township for providing emergency medical service and declaring the same an emergency.

Ordinance # 2008-19: an ordinance amending ordinance # 2008-01 authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Crane Township for providing emergency medical service and declaring the same an emergency.

ANTWERP TRACK PROJECT MARCHES ON



Steve Arnold (left), Principal of Antwerp High School, received good news on April 24 from Eric Miller (right). The Antwerp VFW Post 5087 had a check for \$1,000 from the Ohio VFW Charities to help fund the new all-weather track to be built at the Antwerp Sports Complex. At this time the fund has just under \$80,000. If you would like to make a donation, give the school a call. They would love to hear from you!



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PAULDING YOUTH BALL ORGANIZATION OFF TO A BUSY START

The first pitch of the season will not be thrown for a few more weeks, but area children and adults have been gearing up for the summer season. The organization held a Pitch, Hit and Run Competition on April 19 and had over 40 players registered. In the 7-8 year old age group, Zach Dye was the Pitch Champion with Joshua Trausch winning the Hit and Run Competitions, making him the overall 7-8 Champion. Treston Gonzales, from the 9-10 age group won all three categories and he was the 9-10 overall champion. For 11-12 year olds, Javier Gonzales won the Pitch category, Quentin Vance won the Hit and Run categories and Kyle Kauser walked away as the overall champion for the division. The 13-14 had a different champion in each area. Amanda Carlisle was the Pitch Champion, Guy Harder the Hit Champion and Kara Burak was the Run Champion. The overall 13-14 Champion was Guy Harder. All of these individuals will advance to the Sectional competition on May 17 at Bob Layman Field in Wauseon.

On May 3rd, any resident ages 12-adult, who wishes to umpire games for the coming season is welcome to attend the Umpire Clinic at noon on May 3rd at the Water Street fields. The Clinic will highlight all of the league rules and guide individuals on how to make proper calls. Each person in attendance will be the first umpires called to work and each one will also receive an additional stipend

at the end of the season.

In addition, over 300 children have begun practicing for the upcoming season which will open on May 10th this year. On that date other area leagues will be traveling to Paulding to join in our activities. To help kick off the first day of the season, the organization will be holding a Chicken BBQ, hosted by Red Owl Inn, and having a 50/50 drawing. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may contact any summer ball player or they may be purchased at Hot-In-Here Tanning, Red Owl Inn or Signature Embroidery through May 3rd. Presale tickets until noon on May 10th. The proceeds from this event will be directly deposited into the new field account. Even if you don't purchase a meal, you are invited to attend any of the 17 games that will be played that day and watch the children enjoy a favorite summer pastime.

The Paulding Youth Ball Organization has been fortunate enough to have over 50 parent volunteers and 33 team and sign sponsors support the organization to make the summer events meaningful to the children in the community. Currently the organization is visiting local businesses and civic organizations to give presentations about the proposed new fields and to explain to the community what the organization does and the plans for expansion. If you are interested in hearing from the organization or have any questions, please contact our website at www.pauldinglittleleague.com.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE HOLDS FFA BANQUET



Vantage junior Rustin Adam recognizes this year's FFA Honorary Degree winner, Mr. Kevin Van Oss at the FFA banquet as senior Adam Eickholt looks on.

The Vantage Career Center FFA chapter held their annual Awards and Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in the Vantage Commons Area.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Beth Evans, Vantage English teacher. Mrs. Evans presented a unique reading of "Rinderella" (that's Cinderella backwards, sort of).

The chapter honored Mr. Kevin Van Oss, Vantage Industrial Mechanics instructor, with an FFA Honorary Degree for his involvement with the Vantage FFA Chapter.

Many awards were presented to FFA members throughout the evening. Senior Calvin Sinn from Wayne Trace and junior John Powell from Crestview were presented with "Quiet Leader" awards for setting an example to others by their actions. The "110% Ag Credit" award was given to senior Adam Eickholt from Ottoville and junior Pete Wellman from Parkway.

Receiving the Scholarship awards for outstanding grades were seniors Nathan Arn from Van Wert, Ross Kneuen and Adam Schnipke from Ottoville, Calvin Sinn from Wayne Trace, Zachary Stutz from Crestview and Thomas Zuber from Antwerp. Juniors receiving the Scholarship awards were Rustin Adam from Crestview, Brett Carder from Continental, Isaac Kistler from Lincolnview, John Powell from Crestview, Codi Walser from Van Wert and Eric Zimmerman from Continental.

Juniors receiving the Greenhand award for their first year involvement in FFA were Rustin Adam (Crestview), Brett Carder (Continental), Richard Froelich (Paulding), Terry Jackson and Isaac Kistler (Lincolnview), Casey McDougall (Crestview), Adam Pohlman (Del-

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCES PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Antwerp Local School has begun its registration for the Fall '08 preschool class.

Enrollment is open to any child who is four years of age before August 1. Preschool will be offered each Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday with alternating Fridays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. following the Antwerp Local School calendar. Information and registration forms are available at the elementary office. Please call 258-5421, ext. 2200.

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phos St. Johns), John Powell (Crestview), Codi Walser (Van Wert), Mark Weidenhamer (Paulding) and Eric Zimmerman (Continental).

Receiving the Chapter award for their second year as an active member of an FFA Chapter were seniors Nathan Arn, Mark Gillette, and Ethan Mengerink all from Van Wert, Robert Bair and Dustin Dotson from Paulding, Joe Barker, Richard Zielke and Thomas Zuber all from Antwerp, Cory Birkemeier from Kalida, Cody Bloom, Adam Eickholt, Ross Kneuen and Adam Schnipke, all from Ottoville, Craig Hoersten from Delphos Jefferson and Zac Stutz from Crestview.

Team awards were also presented at the banquet. The Tractor Troubleshooting team of Nathan Arn and Zac Stutz was recognized for their 5th place finish in district competition. The Outdoor Power Equipment team (formerly the Small Engine team) of Richard Froelich, Terry Jackson and John Powell, was recognized for their 10th place finish.

The banquet concluded with a power point presentation, compiled by senior Tom Zuber.

VANTAGE HOLDS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

At a special Board of Education meeting on April 22, 2008, the Vantage Board of Education met to discuss the proposed building renovation project and anticipated offer of assistance by the OSFC which will require the board's commitment to pursue local funding.

Treasurer Lori Davis presented different financing options for the proposed building project.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman reviewed levy options and the scope of the renovation and building project, NEOLA policies and the proposed elimination of the Business Information Technology program.

In new business, the board:

—Accepted the resignation of Romaine Whetstone, In-School Suspension Supervisor for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year;

—Non-renewed the temporary contracts for Barb Huber and Bill Keith;

—Approved the Career Technical Supervisor, Principal and Director job descriptions;

—Approved resolution to eliminate the Business Information Technology program starting school year 08-09.

The Superintendent requested an executive session to discuss employment of personnel. No action was taken.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Estee Paige Lichty was born on March 24, 2008. She was welcomed home by her parents Travis and Erin Lichty (Zuber) of Antwerp. She also has an older brother, Reid.

Proud grandparents are Jim and Nancy Lichty, and Lee and Paige Zuber all of Antwerp.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Raelynne Ruth Zuber was born on Friday, April 11, 2008 at Defiance Regional Medical Center. She is the daughter of Ryan and Amber Zuber of Antwerp. Her grandparents are Lee and Paige Zuber of Antwerp and Ron and Lynne Zabawa of Temperance, MI.

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FRIENDS 4 EVER

By: Tommi Stahl

The first person I want to talk about is my BFF (best friend forever), Paige Hawkins. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite animal is a dog. Paige is a very special person. She is kind and caring for people. She is a great influence to little kids at our school. Paige and I have had bumps in our friendship, but we will stick it out till the end.

Next, I will talk about Kayla Shaffer. Her favorite color is green and she loves dolphins. Kayla is unique in many ways. When we make up songs in

music, she makes up funny ways to sing it and makes up dances too. She is so great at helping people out. Kayla and I have not yet gotten into an argument. I'm glad about that too because that means if Paige and I are arguing, Kayla is there for us, then Paige and I apologize and become buddies again.

Paige and Kayla are people I can go to at school and talk to. A friend I miss very much goes to Paulding now. Her name is Mikayla Porter. I can tell her all my secrets and trust her no matter what.

The last person, and my BFFL (best friend for life) Myranda Stahl. She is my best friend. Her favorite color is orange and she plays for Wayne Trace on the football and wrestling teams. She loves to play b-ball with me. She is my favorite cousin ever. People say when they look at us from the back we look the same. I love her very much. She is so cool and we get along great. We can be BFFLs for life. Myranda was on student council last year. She is a very good person. She will get very far in life and she is on the honor roll. Myranda cares and loves people and she is very smart and helpful. I know that when Myranda gets older she will be a very good person, and she will go as far in life as she wants to pursue her dreams.

All four of these girls are my BFFLs!

MASON'S APPROVE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

WM Jim Kline opened the lodge and the pledge was given. The five 50-year members were asked to stand and were given a round of applause. These members included Doyle Johnson, Derrill Kline, Robert Stotler Sr., Elmer Woodcox and Charles Carey. Others on the sideline were Tim Betts, Russell St. John, Richard Savage, Walter Schilb, George Underwood, Richard Wann, Robert Stotler Jr., Scott Ruppert, Jim Kline and Bill Metz.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Guy Boylan May 6, Carl Clark May 14, George Clemens May 5 and Greg Headley May 2. Get-well and sympathy cards were sent to Norm Byers and Richard Wann respectively.

A thank you card was read from the family of Joe Ross expressing their gratefulness for the Masonic Funeral conducted by Hicksville Lodge.

Committee reports were the next item on the agenda. The annual Widow's Night will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Saturday May 17 at 6:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent out. The Scholarship fundraiser Chicken Bar-B-Q date has been set for June 14. It will be held in the parking lot of the Hicksville Bank. All proceeds received from this event will go towards scholarships given to area high school seniors. A third scholarship

was added this year because of the success of last year's event. The members then approved a donation to be given to the Hicksville High School Post-Prom committee. This donation will help make the Post-Prom a memorable and safe night for the students at Hicksville.

Members were encouraged to attend degree work that will be held Sherwood and Bryan Lodges. Those dates are May 5th and 20th. The next Inspection will be held at Fulton Lodge on April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business the lodge was closed in due form and harmony, and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship. The next stated meeting will be Wednesday May 14.

SAVE OUR HOMES

By: Sue Knapp

The committee, Save Our Homes, met on April 24, at 9:00 at the Paulding Hospital Education room.

Attending the meeting was LouAnn Wannamacher, Paulding County Treasurer; Gordon Barnes, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pheobie Hemover, First Call for Help; Suzanne Rister, Attorney; Tammy Kinkade, NOVAC; Rob Goshia, CFO Paulding County Hospital and Karen Leatherman, PC Treasurer's Office.

This committee is working very hard to educate people on buying houses and helping them to save their homes. Tammy Kinkade is holding a Home Ownership Fair at the Northtown Mall in Defiance on June 14. This Fair will feature realtors, bankers, insurance agents, etc. and will advise and help first time home buyers.

The Save Our Home Committee is also planning a 'Rebuild Your Credit' Seminar. A representative from Ohio State Treasurer Richard Cordray's office will be there. There will be booths and speakers and you will be able to ask questions. It is planned for June 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Paulding County Extension Building at the PCH Fairgrounds. Refreshments will be available and a door prize will be given every hour. There will be no charge.

This seminar is offered to help us understand about foreclosures and how we can avoid them and keep our homes. In Paulding County the foreclosures are up 50% from last year. There has been 42 filings already this year. In 2007 103 foreclosures were filed.

Paulding County Hospital also offers a financial assistance program. It is on sliding scale broken down in 10% increments. This is to help people that are uninsured or low income. You may call the hospital for information on this program and to make an appointment for counseling and or help to refer you to agencies for help. You may call Theresa on ext. 1114 at PCH for help.

Suzanne Rister and LouAnn Wannamacher attended a Foreclosure Law Seminar to learn more about foreclosures. They will be able to help us to understand what foreclosure entails.

Be sure to tell the business you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.



Pictured flying kites are Austin VanAtta, Michael Meek (both Webelos), Amy Miller and Jeff Miller

BOY SCOUTS "FLYING HIGH" AT MONTHLY MEETING

April 20, 2008, pack 143 of Antwerp Boy Scouts had their monthly meeting. This month's meeting was much different than others—this meeting we flew kites.

We started flying around 5:45 p.m. The wind was perfect for kite flying. Ten scouts were in attendance. The Tiger Cubs did not much kite flying, but had fun playing together.

The older scouts were having a contest to see who could get their kites higher than each other.

At 7:00 p.m. we all went home—it was a very fun time for parents and boys.

Our next meeting is Graduation in May. This will be when all the boys move up to the next Den. This will be our last meeting till school resumes in the fall. Don't forget to look for the scouts in the Memorial Day Parade.

PAULDING HAS VISITORS

By: Sue Knapp

I happened to be in Paulding on Thursday morning and as I was entering into town I saw a flashing light so I stopped to see what the scoop was.

WBCL's Sheryl Glancy and Ken Church were in town spotting for WBCL window stickers. The prizes for April was a Vera Bradley Overnight Bag and Cosmetic Bag. If you walked up and talked to them you would have your name put in for monthly drawings.

They had already been in Defiance and from there came to Paulding.

Ken Church was announcing over the radio and both Ken and Sheryl looked forward to talking to Paulding people.

If you want information about the drawings or the radio station in general you can get online at www.wbcl.com. Around here you can listen to them at 90.3fm. WBCL is a Christian radio station uplifting Christ through song and messages. It has something for everyone.

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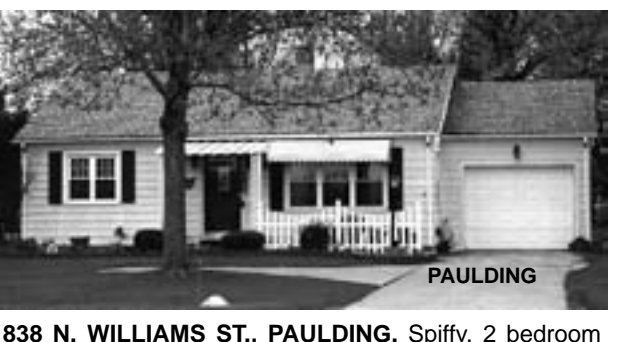
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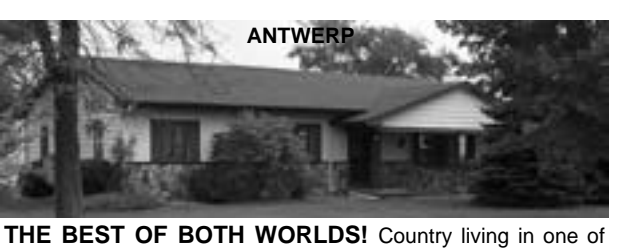
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Due to the property tax caps that were recently enacted by the Indiana General Assembly, the Board of Library Trustees and the library administration decided to take immediate steps to bring library expenditures into balance with reduced revenues, in order to meet the 2010 target of an approximate \$1.5 million reduction.

The increase in overdue material fees, along with charging for parking on all downtown library parking lots for people without library cards and charging for printing from public computers, is a means for increasing library revenues. The other component in the strategy to balance the budget is to reduce expenditures in areas such as supplies, utilities, travel, etc., and possibly in the purchasing of books and other library materials. The current practice of reducing staff through attrition has reduced expenditures and will continue to do so in the future. The library will economize wherever possible in order to maintain the highest level of service possible for all users.

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By: Jami Koenn, Center Director, Sylvan Learning Center

More than three million college admissions tests are administered each year, making the SAT and the ACT two of the most important exams that a high school student will ever take. In order to perform at their best, students should become familiar with the style and types of questions on the tests, in order to avoid "trap-door answers." In addition, students should boost their reading and vocabulary skills and learn specific processes of elimination strategies. Above all, students need to work through as many practice questions and tests as possible in the weeks and months leading up to the actual exam.

Sylvan Learning Center, the leading provider of in-center and live, online tutoring at home to students of all ages and skill levels, offers tips to help students prepare for these important tests:

****Unlike the SAT, the ACT has no scoring penalty for incorrect answers, so never leave an ACT question blank.**

****On the SAT, by eliminating at least two incorrect answers for every question you're unsure about, you will mathematically beat the odds of the test and raise your score.**

****Since the test's instructions will not change, don't waste time reading the instructions on the day of the test. You should already know them.**

****Never spend too much time on any single question—it's just not worth it. It's better to lose one point on a difficult question than to lose 10 points because you ran out of time on the last part of a section.**

****If you are unsure of a question, circle it and come back to it if time permits.**

****Don't get bogged down on the difficult questions be-**

fore you have racked up as many points as possible on the easy and medium questions.

Students who are interested in a test prep course should visit <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/test-preparation/index.cfm> or call 1-800-31-SUCCESS to learn more about Sylvan SAT Prep and Sylvan ACT Prep. These courses are offered exclusively through Sylvan Learning Center and provide proven test-taking strategies, state-of-the-art course materials and content review in small team environments that give students the confidence and personalized attention that help raise test scores.

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SAVING LITCHFIELD

By: Sue Knapp

"What is Saving Litchfield?", you ask? Well, in Antwerp, OH, Saving Litchfield is a band of young men, all raised in Antwerp and now work at Atwood.

"What does Saving Litchfield mean," you ask. Well, it doesn't really mean anything other than one of the boys came through Litchfield, MI and liked the name. The

name is catchy and one that is remembered.

The band members are: Steve Shull - drums; Joe Beregszazi - guitar; Wes Giancola - guitar; Tim Brown - vocals; and Jake North - bass.

The band has been in existence for 1½ years. They consider themselves pop rock or punk rock. These nice young men are following their dream to get into the 'big time'. They have a CD made and it is advertised in the Full Page Press or you can buy it online. You can hear their music on Itunes and the CD is in Hot Topic Stores. They also have commercials on the Fuse TV Cable Channel aired 2x a day between 3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Saving Litchfield has just signed with the Red Lotus Record Label out of Newark/Columbus, OH and are preparing for a national tour possibly on the Warped Tour which will include several big bands.

On May 24 at 5:00 at the Memorial Coliseum in Ft. Wayne, IN, they will be playing at the Rockin' the Fort. The concert will include six of the biggest regional bands from Northwest Ohio and Midwest Indiana. You can contact the band for tickets or purchase them on the day of the concert at the door.

The band is getting exposure by playing every Friday and Saturday night. The average distance they travel to a gig is 3-4 hours.

The band will be playing locally at the Antwerp After-Prom on May 3.

You can get on MySpace for more info at www.myspace.com/savinglitchfieldrock

ANTWERP VFW HOSTS MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

All mothers and Auxiliary members are invited to a Mother's Day dinner sponsored by the Antwerp VFW Post 5087. The dinner will take place on May 4 at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

ELIMINATION OF ANTI-COMPETITIVE TAX GOOD NEWS FOR OHIO BUSINESSES

A recent announcement by the Ohio Department of Taxation is tremendous news for the state's business community and all those concerned about the future success of Ohio's economy.

A few years back, in an effort to improve Ohio's ability to compete for jobs and attract investment to our local communities, the Ohio General Assembly embarked on a sweeping reform of the state's tax code, designed to help reduce the financial burden on Ohio families and business owners. Included in these changes was a 21-percent income tax cut over five years, as well as a major overhaul of Ohio's business tax structure that had long been seen as a disincentive for companies looking to locate in the state. During this session, I was pleased to support the state budget which continued the tax cut aspects of this reform.

One of the most celebrated parts of this tax reform package was the eventual phase-out of the state's Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT), which includes the tax businesses pay on their inventory, machinery and equipment and furniture and fixtures, regardless of their profits. The TPPT can be traced back to 1846 and has long been a barrier for business growth and investment, particularly in the manufacturing sector.

Earlier this month, the Department of Taxation issued a notice to all companies currently paying the TPPT that their final returns are due on April 30th. Then, Ohio will join a group of only nine other states without a tax on tangible personal property, saving business owners an estimated \$1.6 billion annually and greatly boosting our ability to attract growth and jobs to the state.

As tax reform continues to take hold, there is evidence that it has already begun to have an impact on Ohio's economy. In March, Ohio received the 2007 Governor's Cup award for leading the nation in the number of new and expanded businesses facilities with 399 projects last year, surpassing states like Illinois, North Carolina, Texas and Michigan. To qualify, a project must involve at least \$1 million in capital investment, create no less than 50 jobs or add at least 20,000 square feet of new space. This is the sixth time Ohio has received the award, which is presented by Site Selection Magazine.

While changes to the state's burdensome, anti-competitive business tax code were a major step in the General Assembly's economic development efforts, there is still much more work to be done. For instance, as Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, I am focused on improving the quality of the state's transportation system as a way to spur investment and bring jobs to our local communities, particularly in rural Ohio. We must also continue to reduce onerous regulations on the business community that work to stifle growth. These and other pro-business, pro-development efforts will help create a foundation for long-term economic success across Ohio.

A.C.D.C. GIVES AND RECEIVES DONATIONS



The Antwerp Community Development Committee (A.C.D.C.) is proud to sponsor Cheryl Stromski with a \$100.00 donation for the Antwerp All-Weather Track Fundraiser. Cheryl is running in the Indianapolis 13.1 mile

mini-marathon on May 3rd. Cheryl is currently accepting pledges in any amount with all proceeds going toward the track fund. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation can contact Cheryl at 419-258-2629.



The VFW post 5087 donated \$500 to A.C.D.C. for the Wash Depot Restoration Project in Antwerp. Pictured are Marty Hunt of the VFW and Dan Fowler of the A.C.D.C.

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