

WOODBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT BENEFIT/SAFETY DAY SET FOR MAY 9

Mark your calendars now for the Woodburn Fire Department Benefit/Safety Day which will be on May 9th at John & Lydiann Schmucker's located at 7234 Milan Center Road, approximately 1/2 mile North of Milan Center Feed & Grain.

This year there will be a hog roast supper with carry-out starting at 4:00 p.m. and sit down supper starting at 5:00 p.m. The safety events will start at 5:00 p.m. with fire extinguisher demonstrations and blood pressure checks going on throughout the evening. There also will be an auto extrication demonstration with the Jaws of Life starting at 5:00 p.m. followed by the landing of the Samaritan helicopter around 6:15 p.m.

The benefit auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. and go until the last item is gone. There are several items including handmade furniture, tools, quilts, plants, Amish homemade pies, and the list goes on. Make sure to get there early and get your auction number for this one of a kind event. Money that is raised will go towards the purchase of a new tanker truck, replacing our 1976 remanufactured tanker truck.

The Woodburn Fire Department is an all volunteer department and has been serving the City of Woodburn and its surrounding communities for 105 years. Although we are funded by tax dollars, these monies fall short of the expectations that the Woodburn Fire Department has

to best serve and protect the people and their property. The Woodburn Fire Department prides itself on keeping its equipment and apparatus up to date and ready to serve. This could not be done without the help of supporters like you. Some of the purchases and donations that have been made over the past 15 years by support of businesses and people of the community are: a Rescue Truck, Hurst Hydraulic Rescue Tools, a Remanufactured Tanker Truck, Two Thermal Imaging Cameras, a Gear Washer, Insulation Vac-unit with an enclosed trailer, Res-Q-Jacks, Two HeartStart defibrillators, Emergency Lighting, Boat and Trailer, and several other pieces of equipment for fire and EMS.

Auction items are still being accepted and will be up to the time of the auction. Any individual or business wanting to donate please contact one of the following: Woodburn Fire Department - 632-5218; Jason Hale, 399-0383; John Graber (Bruick Rd) 410-7753; Jonas Wagler (Hurshtown Rd) 466-3154; or Steve Lengacher (Springfield Center) 385-4250.

We greatly appreciate all of your support and hope to see you on May 9th for another fun filled event. The Woodburn Fire Department also would like for you to mark your calendars for the other fundraising events for 2008 which are the Father's Day carryout Chicken BBQ and the annual Pancake Bike Race on July 26 and 27.

—Jon R. Hoepfner,
Woodburn Fire Department

CORRECTION

The Relay for Life trip to Chicago was co-sponsored by Paulding County Hospital and Sue Beck Travel Service and the raffle was sponsored by the Paulding County Hospital Relay for Life.

RINGLER - MANGETTE



Rich and Lynda Ringler of Paulding, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stacy Lyn, to Troy Philip Mangette, son of Tom and Helen Mangette of Haviland.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Saint Francis. She is currently employed as a radiologic technologist at Grant Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES ... AND MORE!

The town-wide garage sales in Antwerp, June 13 and 14, have now been expanded to include yard sales in Riverside Park (US 24).

If you are a resident of the Antwerp School district you are welcome to set-up in the park. The village has given their approval with the stipulation that no trash or unwanted treasures be left behind in the park after the sale.

The V.E.T.S. Memorial committee will be setting up

with food available for shoppers as well as their own yard sale goodies.

There's no registration required, just show up and choose a spot. Come join the fun. This event is sponsored by the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce and organized by the V.E.T.S. committee.

BF GOODRICH RETIREE BREAKFAST PLANNED

B.F. Goodrich retirees' breakfast will be on May 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the Vagabond Restaurant. Hope to see everyone there.

CHARLOE PARK NEWS

A recent meeting of the Charloe Park was held to discuss replacing the shelter house and making improvements.

The Oakwood Gleaner Arbor #759 has made this their Samaritan project by donating money to get the 501c status needed for tax exemptions. This is now completed thanks to the Gleaners.

We have explored some ideas looked into by the board. We would like to see the area public step up and help us to get the ball rolling. If you would like to help, please contact John Pier at 419-594-3691 or 419-594-2750.

LOCAL ARTIST TO EXHIBIT AT THE 35TH WESTERVILLE MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

Local artist Ann Dysinger of Grover Hill, Ohio will exhibit her artwork at the 35th Annual Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce Music and Arts Festival July 12 and 13. Dysinger will be showcasing her original oil paintings. Dysinger creates each unique depiction of wildlife by hand on canvas and slate. She will be selling her pieces at the show.

Over 100 artists and craftspeople will participate in the Festival where painting, pottery, photography, and other artwork will be displayed and sold. In addition, the Festival will provide musical and visual entertainment, youth activities and exhibits, a silent auction, and concessions. Musical entertainment will include live bands featured on two separate stages throughout the festival playing a variety of music, including R&B, Country, Big Band Jazz, Solo Guitar, Bluegrass, Celtic, and Classical.

The Festival, sponsored by the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce, is free and will be held at Heritage Park and Everal Barn in Westerville, Ohio, on Saturday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 13, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce provides community leadership and advocacy on behalf of its stakeholders. Comprised of nearly 750 individuals and businesses, the Chamber has served the business community for 40 years and is recognized by the United States Chamber of Commerce as a 4-Star Accredited Chamber of Commerce.

GROVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE 71ST ANNUAL BANQUET

The Grover Hill High School Alumni will be celebrating its 71st Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 24 at the Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary gymnasium. Graduates and friends to the Grover Hill School are invited to attend. If you did not receive an invitation we are sorry we missed you. Addresses are very hard to keep up with. If you would still like to attend, please call Jerry Scarbrough at 419-587-3924 or mail information to Marge Stahl at 201 N. Main St., Grover Hill, Ohio 45849.

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Ruth A. Hartwig, 83, formerly of Antwerp, died Monday, 6:45 pm, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, Indiana.

Ruth was born in Blue Creek Township, Paulding, Ohio, on September 13, 1924, the daughter of the late Walter & Clara (Peters) Baker. Ruth married Paul Hartwig in 1946. He died in 1969. Ruth worked at Zeller's for 22 years and had been a telephone operator for Paulding Telephone Company and GM Powertrain, Defiance. She was a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp.

Ruth will be sadly missed by her brother, Ralph Baker of Hamilton, IN; niece, Marilyn (Forest) Bodiker of Waterloo, IN; and nephew, Ron Baker, of Edon, OH.

Ruth will be laid to rest privately at Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Arrangements are entrusted to Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Leina B. Likes, 84, of Bryan, died Sunday April 27, 2008 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center - Defiance, Ohio.

She was born on March 16, 1924 in Hicksville, Ohio the daughter of Don and Glennis (Otis) Evans. She was a 1942 graduate of Hicksville High School. She married Alvin J. Likes in 1944. He preceded her in death on February 17, 1988.

She was a lifelong homemaker; a member of Wesley United Methodist Church - Bryan, Ohio where she was a coffee hostess; and a former member of Sherwood Order of the Eastern Stars.

She is survived by a son, Ed (Barbara) of Bryan, OH; a granddaughter, DeeAnna Brightbill of Stryker, OH; a niece and nephew, whom she raised, Darlene (Rick) Williams of Vincennes, IN and Roger (Carol) Zimmerman of Macedonia, OH; a brother, Bob Evans of Hicksville; two sisters: Avy Ginter and Lola Myers both of Hicksville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Farrell Evans; and a sister, Verena Maxwell.

Funeral services were on May 1 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Rev. Paul Scannell officiating. Interment will be at a later

date at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are to Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.



Henry E. "Hank" Mowery, 62, of Paulding died Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the Paulding County Hospital. He was born on November 12, 1945 in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts the son of Eugene A. and Henrietta A. (Luedeke) Mowery. On February 15, 1969 he married Sally Dwenger who survives. He was an U.S. Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War. In 2007, he retired from Toms Installation St. Henry, Ohio after working as a telephone technician for 30 years. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding.

He is survived by his wife, Sally of Paulding; his mother, Henrietta Mowery of Celina, OH; a daughter, Michelle (Tom) Nicholson of Defiance; a son, Kerry (Rachel) Mowery of Napoleon, OH; one sister, Ruth (Jerry) Long of Celina, OH; three brothers: David (Kathy) Mowery of Sylvania, OH, Steve Mowery of Celina, OH, and Charlie Mowery of Fairborn, OH; five grandchildren: Taylor, John and Sarah Nicholson of Defiance, and Layla and Jack Mowery of Napoleon.

He is preceded in death by his father, Eugene in 2006.

Funeral services were on May 6, 2008 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding where military rites were accorded by Paulding VFW Post #587.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association or to Masses. Condolences may be left at denherderfh.com.

V.E.T.S. MEMORIAL FUND RAISER

There is going to be a fund raiser for the Veterans Memorial in Riverside Park located in Antwerp.

May 17 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Jerry Dowding will give a performance titled 'Flutes in Concert' at the Antwerp United Methodist Church. V.E.T.S. will be offering light refreshments afterwards. Donations are welcome.

On May 18 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Dowding will be performing at the Antwerp Local High School Auditorium with a bake sale following the performance. Performances are open to the public and free of charge.

Mr. Dowding hand carves these wooden flutes and from them comes the beautiful sounds of Native American and Celtic along with other arrangements.

CURVES FOOD DRIVE BRINGS IN 1425 POUNDS LOCALLY; ALMOST 3,000 TONS OF FOOD WORLDWIDE

Curves, the world's largest fitness franchisor, today announced that the 2008 Curves Food Drive brought in 1425 pounds in Paulding which will benefit Pauldings Food Bank. Worldwide, Curves members donated almost 3,000 tons of food.

This was Curves International's 10th Annual Food Drive and Curves of Paulding's second time to participate. This March, women had 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 13 new memberships at the Paulding Curves. Overall, the Food Drive accounted for almost 75,000 new Curves memberships.

"Curves and our members are delighted to help our community," said Glenda

Ferris, Paulding 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 Paulding community promotes the spirit of giving."

CURVES OF PAULDING PARTNERS WITH AVON FOR WOMEN'S FITNESS STUDY

With over four million members worldwide, most would think the Curves women's fitness franchise has nothing to prove. But the company is going above and beyond and looking for participants in the Paulding area to be a part of the Curves/Avon Fitness Study to ensure that everyone knows the power of the Curves workout program.

For a fee, participants will be asked to complete 12 workouts over a 30-day period with a minimum of three workouts per week. In addition, participants will receive a start and finish fitness evaluation, 30 days free on CurvesComplete.com, an online diet and fitness solution, and supervised training from a Curves trainer.

"With so many fitness membership choices, it's imperative that we demonstrate how serious we are about weight loss and an active lifestyle. This study allows us to further differentiate ourselves from the competitors," said Glenda Ferris, owner of Curves of Paulding. "And Avon, a company that is so compassionate about women, is the perfect partner for this initiative. We encourage Paulding residents to be a part of this study. What is there to lose, except a few pounds?"

The program begins May 5 through June 20, 2008.

The Exercise and Sports Nutrition Laboratory at Baylor University will be evaluating the research that is gathered in the fitness clubs and analyzing the results, which will then be published in various journals.

For more information on the Curves/Avon Fitness Study, please contact Glenda Ferris at 419-399-9229, or visit the Paulding Curves location at 101 W. Perry St, Paulding, OH.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK HOSTS MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Paulding Reservoir Park will host the worth "wicked" men's D/E slow pitch softball tournament on May 17. USSSA rules will apply. This is a hit your own ball and first pullovers tournament. First 16 teams will be accepted. To register, please call 419-399-2981.

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1968. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served by Grant's Catering of Antwerp at 6:00 p.m. We must receive your reservation by May 19th in order to serve everyone.



WHAT WAS THAT?!

By: Sue Knapp

You had a good reason to do a double take if you went past the Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp last week. Setting right in the front yard was a pink toilet. For a minute, I thought Shawn was redecorating.

Actually, you will see these 'thrones' all around Paulding County. It is a

fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. The descriptive slogan 'Flush Out Cancer' says it all. You have to pay to have this nifty yard ornament moved and you can request who's to receive it next. This is the Dooley's second year.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As the days get longer and the temperatures get warmer, kids get antsy to get outside. The grass gets green and almost seems to beckon them to come running with bat, ball, and glove in hand, ready for fun. Yes, baseball season is once again upon us. Living in a small, rural area sometimes limits children looking for an outlet for pent up winter energy. But, living in a small town can also provide opportunities that bring the community together, and give neighbors time to pause long enough to have an actual conversation. Summer baseball leagues afford us just such opportunities. As I understand it, summer baseball leagues are open to anyone in a small community

who wishes to sign up and pay the small fee. Kids can't wait to see who their coach is and who their team members are—even what color shirts they might wear. The thing that sets community summer league apart from other sports is the fact that no one gets cut—there are no "try outs." Any kid can be a part of a team. There is no varsity or junior varsity, no letters to be awarded; just plain, old-fashioned fun. Winners and losers are soon forgotten as school begins and more exclusive sports take over. Yes, community summer leagues are beautiful—and waning.

That being said, I can get to the actual point of my letter. As practices began this week in Grover Hill, it came to light that some kids were actually turned away and told they could not participate this year. I have no idea who these children were or extenuating circumstances surrounding such actions. Now, let me say that I have not been in charge of something so large and encompassing as summer league is. I can't imagine coordinating schedules with teams at every age level, with every community in the area. I can't imagine trying to find ample coaches when so many people in a small community work odd shifts or just plain don't help out. We are extremely fortunate in our small community to have a great group of volunteers who care about our kids and our park enough to take care of things such as this year after year. Which is why I am so bewildered and heartbroken that kids have been told they just don't belong. I am not writing this letter to simply gripe. I am writing this letter to tell those

kids and their families that I am sorry about this very unfortunate event. I want them to know that not everyone in this small town thinks the same way. Please don't give up on our teams, come back next year. I guess I just have a soft heart for children. I also know that children learn from our examples. In this day and age when so many children want for attention and guidance, this seems like the perfect opportunity to teach discipline, respect for authority, and give a sense of belonging. Coaches are mentors, often without even realizing it. I guess you could say that I don't see summer league in terms of wins or losses. Yes, it's wonderful to see kids beaming when they've won a game. But, you can't win them all—so lighten up and have fun. But more importantly, as I try to teach my own kids, include everyone. They are people, too.

—Kerry Shelton

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

With the current status of rising prices on everything, the future is looking very bleak for the consumers worldwide. I think I am fairly accurate when I say people are more concerned about the economic woes than they are with anything else. Gas prices continue to skyrocket, food prices are getting out of hand, foreclosures are continuing to affect millions nationwide and now there is a (so-called) threat of a food shortage. Or is there? The food crisis, in my opinion, is a man-made scare. Look at the facts. There will be plentiful harvests for the world food supply this year. Global rice production will be

at an all-time high of 423 million tons this year, enough to meet the demands worldwide. And already Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and Costco are rationing rice. We export only 7% of rice for the world food supply. If we are going to have an all-time high of rice harvested, then why the scare of a food shortage and why ration it here in the states? I'll tell you why. A weak dollar. That is the main cause for all other high prices too. Our dollar is losing value on a daily basis. The recent rate cut by the feds could be catastrophic worldwide. The majority of global food supplies and world oil are traded with U.S. currency. Each time the feds cut the rates, the dollar loses value. The people in third-world countries will be sentenced to certain death when the dollar value drops and prices raise. Low dollar value equals high trading prices. Now bring into the equation ethanol and other alternative fuel sources. There are currently some 120 ethanol plants in this country with the capacity to produce more than 6 billion gallons annually. Experts believe these refineries could use up to half the nations corn supply this year. That alone should be eye-opening, especially for farmers. Ask any farmer what has happened to their prices for fuel, prices for seed, prices for fertilizers and all other costs associated with farming. The feed corn used for livestock has been depleted, or so they say, and has rose in price also. And when that happens, you guessed it, we pay more for meat in the stores. What about those that purchased corn burning stoves because it was cheaper than propane and natural gas? But

does ethanol really require us to use our corn supplies? The process in which ethanol is made does not require consuming half our crops. Ethanol is made by extracting the sugars from the kernel, leaving half the kernel that can be used for feeder corn. Actually those that have really done their homework say that other crops are a better source of sugar for ethanol, like sugarcane. Switchgrass is another crop that can be grown nationwide and would be a better energy crop. Some of these refineries aren't even buying corn from U.S. farmers either.

There are many questionable scenarios that come into play with all that is going on with the food and oil issues. Many experts have different opinions on what will happen in the future. Almost all

have the same opinion on the causes. Alternative fuel sources have damaged our corn supply and have caused other crops to skyrocket. There is no worldwide food shortage, just a weak dollar which causes everything to increase in value. There is no oil shortage. Oil suppliers are expecting a surplus by the end of the year.

This entire shortage scare of oil and food is a designed plan to benefit the banks. The stimulus checks due in the mail any day are proof. They say it is to stimulate the economy because most people will go out and buy products with their free money. However, in reality, the average American will spend this money to pay off debt. Debt in the form of credit cards. Credit cards are controlled by whom? Yes, the

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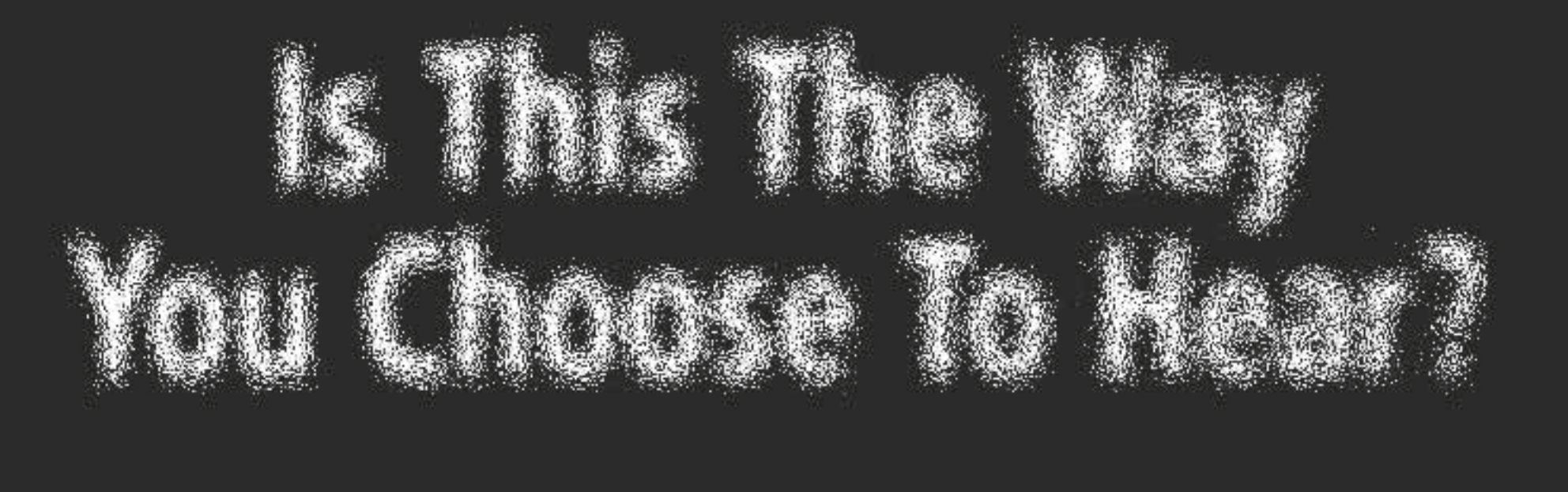
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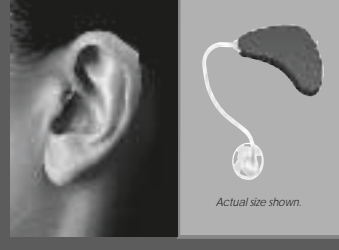
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LESSONS FROM A LION-TAMER

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Some of the most fascinating tidbits of information cross my desk in a given week. Like the following from who-knows-where. Did you ever wonder why animal trainers carry a stool when they go into a cage of lions? They have a whip, of course, and a pistol by their side. But invariably they will also carry a stool. According to this article, it is the most important tool of the trainer. Beyond just the glamour and hype, the stool is useful. The trainer holds the stool by the back and thrusts the legs toward the face of the wild animal. Those "in the know" maintain that the animal tries to focus on all four legs at once. In the attempt to focus on all four, a kind of paralysis overwhelms the animal, leaving it tame, weak, and disabled because its attention is fragmented.

Interesting information, but not particularly earth-shattering. But as I was musing over the article this past Wednesday, it struck me that there were some obvious parallels to our lives. Worry is a lot like that stool. It fragments our minds and separates our attention. In fact, the biblical word for "worry" literally means "to divide the mind".

Worry is the culprit that divides our mind from trusting in God's promises and causes us to focus on external circumstances. Like the four-legged stool, it gets us to concentrate on too many issues at the same time, and tends to overwhelm us, weakening

our hearts and disabling our thinking. James 4:8 tells us that a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. James is right. When we are "double-minded" and have our thinking fragmented, we tend to become unstable. We lose our perspective. We lose our balance.

The remedy?—focus on Jesus Christ and His promises. We needn't be controlled by our problems. We simply need to depend upon the One Who is bigger than our problems. That's not to minimize some of the legitimate concerns and challenge facing you right now. To be sure, you are dealing with some great problems. But we have a great God, too.

One of my favorite verses of scripture is found in Isaiah 26:3. I've committed it to memory and would recommend you to hide it in your heart, as well. The prophet Isaiah says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee." Isn't that great? Do you want peace? Do you want to escape from the paralysis of analysis of your problems? Isaiah says the way that happens is by keeping your mind focused upon God, trusting in Him, believing His promises.

If you're anything like I am, you've got a whole cage full of stools staring at you. You've got a choice. Are you going to try to deal with all the issues at once? Or will you concentrate on the Lord's promises and His sufficiency? That decision will determine whether you will be cowering pussy cat or a real tiger for God.

MEXICAN COOKING CLASS AT GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Would you like to learn how to make an authentic Mexican dinner? Then plan on attending the Mexican Cooking Class on May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church.

The program is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center with Carmen Panico leading the cooking class. The class will learn how to make authentic hard and soft tacos, beans, rice, and salsa. So come hungry and be ready to eat!

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH LESSON 1A

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

As you and I continue to study the Bible we will read Matthew 16:13-18 that Christ said I will build my church. The two most common questions that people frequently ask are, "Does this mean that the church wears Christ's name and is there only one church?"

To answer these questions, let's go to the Bible. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said "I will build my church." Notice the word "church" is singular and not plural, so this means only one church, not the many that we see today. Also the church is not built upon Peter, but on the confession that Peter made in Matthew 16:16. Loved ones, the church that Christ would build was planned, prophesied, and established in the mind of God, even before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:3-6). Please pay attention to what Paul is saying dear friends, because he is the author of the book of Ephesians. Paul is talking to the Ephesians' church and is telling them that God had chosen them before the world had even been formed. God planned the church and Paul was the one who was implementing or carrying out God's plan for the establishment of the church that God had planned and prophesied. Now, let us look at the prophecies concerning the Church.

The first prophecy we are going to look at is in Isaiah 2:2-3, please read this passage. Notice the Bible says in the latter days, the Lord's house would be established. That it would be established in the mountains. Also all nations would flow into it. The Lord's house that is mentioned here is His church. The Lord willing, this lesson will continue in my next installment next week. In the meantime, please read Joel 2:28-29 as well as Daniel 2:44. Please remember that Jesus loves you and so do I!

PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 10

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Rife motioned to adjourn, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Nathan Armando Dzib would like to announce the birth of his new little sister, Brianna Grace Dzib. Brianna was born April 22 at 8:24 a.m. at Parkview North Hospital. She weighed 6 lb. 5 oz. and was 19½ inches long.

Proud parents are Rene and Heather Dzib. Brianna's grandparents are Sandy Lockhart and the late Dan Lockhart, Antwerp. Oneciforo and Bitaliana Dzib, Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. Great-grandparents are Paul and Marguerite Traxler, Hicksville, the late Bob and Leila West, Hicksville, and Carl Lockhart of Antwerp.

ART SHOW AT THE HUBER



By: Sue Knapp

Visit the Huber Opera House in Hicksville and "enjoy the talents and diversity of the community's local talent and to show how much we appreciate their sharing with us," states Corinne Hurni.

This show is holding a people's choice award and you can vote for your favorite artist and their work.

The show will continue through the Alumni Week-end of June 8. The hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00-7:00 and Saturday from 11:00-2:00 or by appointment, donations accepted.

You will enjoy paintings in oil, watercolors, acrylics, graphite drawings, crewl work and photographs, this is just a few examples. Some of the artists are Bill Woodring and Jeff Crabill from Antwerp, Kristo Foletti, who graduated from Hicksville and now is traveling all over the country painting murals;

his trip is being documented and filmed. Linda Pelton's picture of downtown Hicksville includes Corinne Hurni's Real Estate Office. Bill Woodcox has painted an English street scene painted when he was over there during WWII. Betty Fishman, who grew up in Hicksville, art is very unique. Wayne Thurman, who carved and made all the woodwork in the Huber, is featuring his basswood carvings. Again, this is a very small example of what you will see at the Huber Art Show.

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SEARCHING FOR PENNIES
There was a small boy who when walking down the street one day found a copper penny. He was so excited that he found money, especially because it didn't cost him anything. This experience led him to spend the rest of his days walking with his head down, eyes wide open, looking for treasure.
During his lifetime he found 296 pennies, 48 nickels, 19 dimes, 16 quarters, 2 half dollars and one crinkled dollar bill, for a total of: \$13.26
He got money for nothing, except that he missed the breathless beauty of 31,369 sunsets, the colorful splendor of 157 rainbows, and the fiery beauty of hundreds of maples nipped by autumn's frost. He never saw white clouds drifting across blue skies, shifting into various wondrous formations. Birds flying, sun shining, and the smiles of a thousand passing people are not a part of his memory.

How sad, but how true of so many people today! In fact, you and I are often guilty of "searching for pennies" and missing out on the greatest blessings of life.

"Searching for pennies" for us may mean spending an inordinate amount of time and energy on our jobs or any other pursuit. As a result, we often "miss out" on the blessings of a loving family, close friends, and a vibrant faith in God.

Jesus said... "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your TREASURE is, there your HEART will be also" (Mat 6:19-21).

"Searching for pennies" in the things of the world is to spend time focusing on those things that are material and temporary in nature. Jesus instructs us to place our focus on things that are spiritual and eternal. The greatest blessings of God are spiritual blessings including the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of living eternally with Him in heaven (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3-4).

Those greater spiritual and eternal blessings are found ONLY in Christ! To be "in Christ" one must believe in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin to Him in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Him for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27). Then to CONTINUE to enjoy those greater, spiritual blessings, one must CONTINUE to follow Him faithfully (1 John 1:7).

Don't waste your time "searching for pennies." Invest your time in the GREATEST blessing that will last ETERNALLY: your relationship with God!

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banks. Stimulus checks to stimulate the banks. The feds print money on demand, at will. Money shortage? Print more. And when they print more at will, the dollar value depletes even more. Now the banks are in a pickle because they have loaned money without having the money to back it. More and more Americans are feeling a pinch at the pumps and at the grocery store.

Bills are going unpaid, or the minimum amount is being paid. Foreclosures have hurt the banking industry that much more too. When a house is foreclosed on, the banks lose money, lots of money. In a nutshell, these stimulus checks were designed to go back to the banking industry. They knew we would spend it on paying off, or down, debt. They just told us it was intended to stimulate the economy. How many of us are really going to spend it on something at Best Buy or go out and spend \$100 on a dinner for two? How many will

spend it on debt, or buy ahead for winter heating costs?

To sum everything up, there is no food shortage. There is no oil shortage. The dollar keeps losing value which causes everybody worldwide to suffer. Alternative fuel sources have created a false corn problem in this country which has caused all aspects of farming to rise, including our gas prices. Is there a solution? I can speculate what might help. Our government needs to lift regulations on oil refineries in this country. We have tons of oil underneath our soil waiting to be drilled. Yet there are so many finicky regulations that oil companies have had impossible efforts to drill here. A fuel tax vacation during the summer would only mean we would do without on road work and maintenance. Not to mention the millions of American state workers and construction workers that would lose their jobs because there is no road work. When the tax is brought back we would pay even more to make up the lost

revenue. Stopping the ethanol would help dramatically because ethanol is proven to get less gas mileage than regular gas. This causes more fill-ups at the pumps thus not saving anything. Our feds needs to stop printing money at will and stop giving money away. Our future generations are born as debt slaves to the system. And lastly, read your Bible. The times we live in today were prophesized years ago in this great book. And if you don't know it, you may never understand what might happen to us all. Be prepared!

—Tim Dauten

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a candidate for commissioner this fall I think it's important for me to address the concerns students voiced in the letters to the editors about the fair. Let me assure you, the kids and the parents of Paulding County 4-H members, if I'm elected commissioner I will not vote to cut the fair board's small amount of money (\$17,000) that comes from the county general fund, and as commissioner, I will never stoop to holding fourth and fifth grade 4-H members as human shields to get a tax levy passed. I've seen this tactic used by schools too many times in the past to try and shame voters into passing a tax levy, and it's wrong. I find it reprehensible to use our county's most vulnerable citizens in attempting to scare county voters into passing a tax levy, not to mention insulting when we all know the reason it's being done is the jail levy's failure last fall. The money should come from the agency that has the most and spends the most, the sheriff and jail, and where the voters voted overwhelmingly last election they wanted cuts made by soundly defeating the jail levy, not the fair board, not 4-H extension, not SWCD. I hardly see the \$17,000 the fair board gets or the \$90,000 extension gets as the budget busters our current commissioners seem to. Granted, our county fair could be better and more like the fair we older county residents remember as kids, but I personally can't remember the fair board or extension misplacing \$750,000 like some other agency has, can you?

What I suggest is for the fair board and all county agencies that can, to run their own tax levy and take the constant threat of commissioners cutting funding out of your budget planning. As good an idea as bake sales and fundraiser's are, the ability to have a stable funding source is more important. Each county agency should have a stand alone tax funding plan. Let the voters choose what agency to reward

and fund with a directed levy, not a general revenue levy that can be co-opted and spent on whatever the group in power at the time wants.

Currently the only way any general fund supported agency gets funded is at the whim of the commissioners, even if the new general fund tax levy passes there is no guarantee that commissioner will keep funding the fair anyhow. The board of commissioners could vote to do away with any non-mandated agency any year they choose and be perfectly legal doing it. The commissioner's themselves say that the county has been in a budget crises of one sort or another since 2002, so again next year when we find out that it costs more to run the jail than was projected and budgeted for, guess which agencies will loose?

—Brad Dysinger,
Independent Paulding County Commissioner
Candidate

DIETING ON A BUDGET?

Changing eating habits and discarding the junk food in the kitchens often strains a food budget. When following set menus on a new diet program, dieters might purchase a substantial amount of new or more expensive foods than they normally keep in their refrigerators and pantries.

Jerrica Steffens, owner of Curves of Hicksville, says that local residents trying to alter eating habits by incorporating healthier foods into their everyday diet often results in higher grocery bills. However, Steffens said there are tricks to keeping the budget in check while improving the foods that make up their nutritional regime.

Steffens says to keep the following things in mind to work healthier foods into a diet.

**Convenience items, like prepackaged pasta dinners or frozen all-in-one meals, are quick and easy, but they are usually laden with unhealthy ingredients to increase their shelf life. In addition to paying more for the packaging and easy preparation, these meals tend to be higher in fat and sodium which are unhealthy for your heart when eaten in excess. Try preparing a similar meal from fresh ingredients, where you can control how much extra fat or sodium you add.

**Purchasing seasonal produce makes good budgeting sense due to a more abundant supply which leads to lower prices. As a general rule, summer produce includes: beans, berries, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, melons, peaches, peppers, plums

and tomatoes; while apples, pears, pumpkins, and squash are predominantly grown in the fall. For non-seasonal fruits and vegetables, frozen produce is often an economical way to keep them on hand without worrying about spoilage.

—The budget-conscious shopper will buy a whole chicken rather than prepackaged chicken breasts. Whole chickens are delicious when roasted and leftovers may be shredded for soups, tacos or salads. In addition, dark meat is cheaper than white, so consider making recipes where thigh meat can be substituted for breasts.

—Buy foods in bulk and freeze or store what you aren't going to use right away. Consider preparing several meals at one time and freezing them for use at another time. This will be a real timesaver and allow you to eat healthier, homemade foods rather than convenience items. You may also prepare a few meals at once, and then freeze them until you're ready to eat them.

—If you are following the Curves Complete program, you might be concerned with the cost of the protein foods, particularly if you are on the higher protein version. Curves of Hicksville can provide a list of cost effective protein options.

For more information on Curves of Hicksville, or dieting while on a budget, please contact Jerrica Steffens, or visit the club at 143 E. High St.

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WOODBURN HAPPENINGS
Woodburn City Wide Garage Sales will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Woodburn Lions Club's donuts and the Legion's brats and chicken will be offered. This is sponsored by the City of Woodburn.

The city of Woodburn will hold it's annual Spring cleanup on Saturday, May 17, 2008. Items must be at curbside by 6:00 a.m. For more details call Woodburn City Hall at 260-632-5318. Sponsored by the City of Woodburn.
The City of Woodburn Common Council and Police Department would like to say "Thank You" to the BF Goodrich Plant for their generous donation of tires for the police vehicles. Your support is greatly appreciated.


PAULDING MASTER GARDENER TO HOST PLANT SALE

The Paulding County Master Gardeners will be holding their annual plant sale from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16th during the Paulding Garage Sale Days. Betty DeLaet will again host the plant sale at her home located at 902 Kay Nora St. Items being offered for sale this year include bedding flowers, vegetable plants, and new this year will be hanging flower baskets. Proceeds from the sale benefit local community projects. Please direct all questions and phone calls to the Paulding County OSU Extension Office at 419-399-8225.



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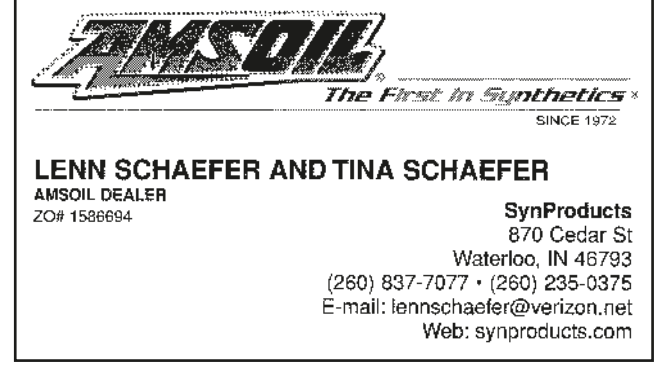
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Crossword Puzzle



By: Chelsea Vail

Parents and students of the junior class: merci from the French Quarter state of mind! Though the big bash on Bourbon Street is over, it's not a party we'll soon forget. From the live jazz band at walk-in to the bead-filled glasses at each place setting, the atmosphere of revelry made for a delightful evening. Senior attendants for Prom 2008 were Tiffany Copsey, Rachael Taylor, Alex Wetli, and Graham Hughes. Crowned Queen of the "Rendezvous" was Bryn Schlatter, accompanied by King Anthony Smith. Current sophomores have some large and exquisite masks to fill next year.

The Academic Boosters are once again sponsoring a trip to Cedar Point for all-year Pride Card holders. The group will leave for "America's Roller-Coast" early on Wednesday, May 14, and spend the day in the park. Don't worry if you hear earsplitting screams at some point during the day - it'll be me shrieking as I zoom at 57 miles per hour five feet from the ground on Cedar Point's newest thrill, the Maverick.

JH Track: May 8, 4:30, @ Tinora; May 13, 4:30, @ Fairview

Varsity Track: May 10, 9:00, @ Montpelier Invitational; May 12, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace Relays

JV Baseball: May 8, 4:30, @ Ayersville; May 9, 4:30, Paulding; May 13, 5:00, @ Crestview

Varsity Baseball: May 8, 4:30, Continental; May 9, 4:30, @ Paulding; May 13, 5:00, Crestview

Varsity Softball: May 9, 4:30, Edgerton; May 12, 4:30, Montpelier; May 14, 5:00, Hilltop

Word of the Week
Cloy \KLOY\ **verb**

- To weary by excess, especially of sweetness, richness, pleasure, etc.
- To become distasteful through an excess, usually of something originally pleasing

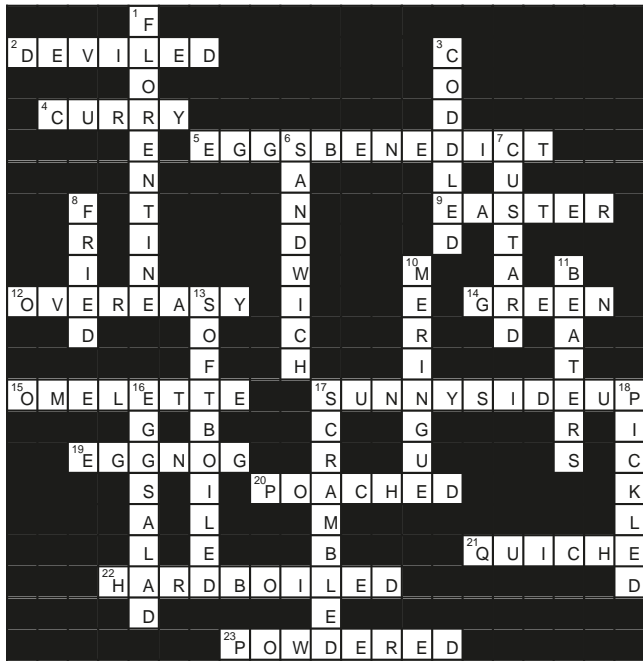
PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL PROPOSE WATER DISTRIBUTION STUDY AT APRIL MEETING

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on April 7, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Roger Sierer, Randy Daeger, and Sam Jeffery. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Council members Ronnie Breedlove and Kim Sutton were absent.

Mayor White requested a change be made to the March 17th minutes to reflect Elaine Sierer's presentation of the Recreation Committee's report. Jeffery motioned to approve the minutes of the March 17th and April 2nd meetings, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White noted action would be taken on the fol-



lowing pieces of legislation at the Special Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 5:30 p.m.:

—Resolution 1214-08 re: A Resolution Opposing United States House of Representatives Bill 3359; and Declaring an Emergency.

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Al Griffiths was present requesting Council waive additional fees charged one of his rental properties. Mayor White noted the issue will be referred to the Utility Committee for review.

Russell Herman was present to announce his candidacy for Paulding County Prosecutor, and seeking support in the November 2008 election.

Tope informed Council the State Auditor's have completed their audit, and will meet with the Finance Committee to present their findings.

Mayor White related Mayor's Court collect \$701 for the

month of March 2008. He also noted that he and Wiebe had attended a round table meeting hosted by U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown. White noted he, Mayor Armstrong from Defiance, and various other entity representatives informed the Senator of the unfunded mandates being incurred by small local governments. The Village of Paulding alone has been mandated to make improvements to its water and wastewater systems totaling approximately \$17 million (\$9 million Water Plant and an \$8 million Sewer Separation). The Mayor relayed there were other state legislators present at the meeting that requested their presence in Columbus to speak to some of the State committees regarding the issue.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda contained the following three items:

—The Finance Committee had met with Becky Swisher of the Ohio Plan to discuss renewal of the Village's liability insurance policy. It was consensus of the committee to renew the policy at a premium of \$52,442.

—Requested authorization to assess a property owned by Aaron T. Powell for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse charges.

—Requested authorization to sign the appropriate documentation (Change Order #4 and Application for Final Payment #5) for the Elevated Tank project, and release payment of \$35,817.

Jeffery motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe proposed entering into a contract with Pogge- (Continued on Page 8)

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Sat. 5/17 - 7:30pm - ... "Rockin' America" ... Hicksville Jr. High Chorus w/Robin Chamberlain directing. closes their season with this treat for you.

Sat. 6/8 - 3:00pm to 5:30pm - The Afternoon program is being sponsored by the HHS graduating classes of 1948 and 1953. There will be special entertainment that is for the Alumni AND for the public! At 3 O'clock, Jamie Wise w/her backup- "The Rat Pack" will be on stage. She has performed at many national functions and has fit her Grandmother's 60th reunion into her schedule. Two-time Top Five winner in National competition as an Elvis interpreter, the class of '53 sponsors Georgian Jeff Barnes. This IS the Alumni program prior to the dinner at 6:30. The classes are considering your donations as fund-raiser for the Huber.

Sat. 6/13-15 - 7:30pm - The Village Players will present "The Boys Next Door". Watch for more info.

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2008 PROMS ARE BIG SUCCESS

by: Bryce Steiner

The students have been waiting for this event all year long and what an event it was. Minus the weather, everything seemed so to go quite smooth and the decorating was fantastic and not too cloy*. The beautiful young ladies along with the handsome young men showed their style with their prom "Rendezvous on Bourbon Street" that took place last Saturday, May 3rd at Grant's Reception Hall on East Canal St.

Bryn Schlatter was selected as the queen and Anthony Smith was chosen as the prom king for 2008. Congratulations to the entire prom court including princess Julia Steiner and prince Kaden Miller (both kindergarteners).

May this day, especially for the seniors, be a day to remember as you are nearing your grand-finale.

This day has been anticipated by most of the upper classmen for quite some time now. It has come & gone... just another memory that will stay with you for many years.

The lights dimmed in the converted auditoria, with young people wearing their fancy dresses & tuxes filling the hall with vivid memories shared of their time spent over the last few years. The music, perhaps a little different than what I remember, but a beat to dance to none the less.

The Paulding 2008 Prom Court: Senior attendants: Kelsie Carnahan, Andrew Mott, Breanna Wilder, Wade Bissell, Prince: Corbin Rhonehouse, Princess: Melinda Slattman. The Senior attendants: Jessica Carnahan, Zach Stallkamp, Amber Manson, Jarod Riley, King: Dustin Carnahan & Queen: Kayla Gawronski. Congratulations to all.

Paulding had their after prom at the middle school and it was themed as "Route 66". An incredible setup that was headed by Jane Nice and Georgia Kohart. The Route 66 theme took you through different western states and gave a sense of realism and a fun night that took months of planning and work to achieve. It was quite nice to have pre-tour of the event the kids had not seen yet. Stop by www.westbendnews.net for a photo tour of this adventure that I cannot come close to describing.

So, what is prom really all about? It's about a group of friends, who have spent most of their lives together, nearing a divergent path, who will soon go their own separate ways, not knowing where the future will take each, having fun together, perhaps for this one last time. May God bless your future as you come to this crossroad.

The Wayne Trace prom takes place this Saturday, May 10.



*See Chelsea's article



More Pictures at www.westbendnews.net of both proms

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF KELLY MILLER CIRCUS

5:15 a.m. - The entire Circus is asleep. A light is on in the trailer of the Circus Chef as she rises to make the coffee and rolls that everyone will expect to find waiting for them. As she opens the window of the cook-house, Gustavo Perez, show superintendent, and his assistant are among the first customers.

5:30 a.m. - Jim Royal, Circus Manager, is out and about, knocking on doors of the various department heads to be sure everyone is awake and ready to begin a new day.

5:40 a.m. - Hector Perez, the Big-Top Boss, has just checked to be sure that all of his men are up and ready to roll, as his department is the first to arrive in the new town. In addition to his rig, he also checks to be sure that the tent truck and the stake driver are ready to get on the road. These two vehicles are essential in the raising of the tent.

5:45 a.m. - Armando Loyal has had his coffee and he and his assistant have begun to load the elephants and the various other animals. Prior to loading, he must see to it that they have all been watered and that there is plenty of hay in the stalls for the morning journey.

6:00 a.m. - The morning sun is just beginning to light the eastern sky and Concession Manager, Oscar Perez is checking his crew to see that they have begun the final cleanup of the Circus grounds. This is a chore that he takes great pride in because the Kelly Miller Circus' reputation has always been that they leave the grounds

as they find them. He does not want to tarnish the shows image.

6:05 a.m. - Gustavo has just watched the ninth truck leave the lot and as he does every morning, he checks to be sure that all of the running lights are working. He knows that each driver has just done his pre-trip inspection, but this is an old habit that he cannot break. It is now time to do the routine check on his own vehicle and prepare to follow the fleet to the next town. He is wondering if he and his assistants will have any problems this morning, such as flat tires and he hopes that today will be another routine day.

6:10 a.m. - Armando heads for the elephant truck. It has now been entirely loaded. He can begin his journey to the next stop. Armando knows the importance of driving his girls over the road (he fondly refers to the elephants as 'his girls'). They are a far too precious cargo to entrust to just an everyday truck driver. They need constant attention of someone who knows them very well.

6:15 a.m. - The final truck has left the show grounds. Gustavo surveys the area, reassuring himself that the grounds are clean. It is now time to put his own truck in gear and trail the fleet.

6:35 a.m. - Jim is pulling into the next town, which due to the hour finds not too many of its residents up and about. As he pulls onto the new lot, he is greeted by Chris Beckett, the 24-Hour Man (so called because he arrives in each community about 24 hours ahead of the show). They discuss today's layout to be sure that every

situation is covered. Parking of the public, room for all of the performers' trailers and access for emergency vehicles. The area for the tent is already staked out, so Hector and his crew can begin right away. Chris does point out that there are already some early onlookers and he tells Hector that he must hold the raising of the Big-Top until 9:00 a.m. as there will be field trips coming from schools again today.

7:00 a.m. - The trucks are now coming in, one every few minutes and Chris and Jim "spot" them, each in its prearranged position. What looks to the untrained eye to be some kind of giant jigsaw puzzle, slowly begins to take shape and begins to look like a Circus.

9:00 a.m. - A shrill whistle sounds. The tent has been spread and tied off. It is now time to raise the Big-Top. Without a lot of commands being spoken, the men move with an air of determination and speed. They are doing many things in unison, some in groups, some on their own. Onlookers know that something important is about to take place. Magically, or seemingly so, the giant tent begins to rise into the air. The coordination between the men and the elephants as they raise the huge vinyl structure is very noticeable and what you know to have been only minutes must have surely been hours, because there before you is this giant tent where there was only an empty field a couple of hours ago. The Children of the Circus, books in hand, head for the Circus' on site school.

9:30 a.m. - The tent, now in the air, is being pulled rigidly to its full height and width by a crew of men as other crews on the inside begin to erect the ring, seats, lights and riggings that will surely bring thrills to those who come to witness the evening's performances.

9:45 a.m. - By this time all of the animals have been unloaded and are being fed and watered in their various areas. There are many chores that will be accomplished without much notice, such as the erection of the menagerie tent, where all of the animals are housed, the cook tent must be set up so that the commissary is ready to feed the first meal of the day. There are many things to be purchased in the community, such as fuel for some of the 30 plus vehicles, enough food to feed 75 people two meals each day, feed and grain for the animals, propane for all of the R.V.s and various sundry materials that keep this virtual city on wheels moving everyday. In addition, today's mail must be taken care of and costumes readied for the day's two performances. These preparations must be seen to before 3:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m. - If the weather and a lot of conditions are favorable, most of the departments are about finished and everyone gathers to eat. This is the first chance that many have to relax and to discuss the events of the morning or perhaps plan what they will do for the few hours they have off this afternoon. Some will go shopping, others to the laundry and many others will take their afternoon 'catnap'.

3:30 p.m. - The Circus grounds once again becomes a beehive of activity, as all personnel are ready for the pub-

lic to arrive. The Pony Ride is open, the Elephant Ride is ready as is the Concession Stand, where everyone will find treats of all kinds. The clowns and ushers are getting ready inside the Big-Top to welcome all of their guests and performers begin to limber up in the 'back yard'.

4:10 p.m. - The doors to the big tent are opened so everyone can enter and be seated. The clowns and ushers greet them as they make their way to the seating area. There are vendors to take care of your refreshment needs and everyone waits in great anticipation for the show to begin.

4:30 p.m. - The band begins to play the overture and the lights darken. Suddenly, the spot lights flash to the ring and magically the Ringmaster, John Moss 111 appears saying, "Ladies and Gentleman..."

6:10 p.m. - The first show has ended and everyone from the first performance is leaving, as some early patrons begin arriving for the second performance. The Circus personnel are busy with the many necessary preparations for the next show, as well as taking care of the animals and taking time to visit the community for their evening meal. At 7:30 they will begin again with the second show for the day.

9:10 p.m. - The second performance has just ended and the various crews immediately begin to disassemble the various riggings, rings, seats, spotlights and bandstand in preparation for bringing down the big poles that hold it in the air. Again a sense of urgency fills the air as the many men move like clockwork to (Continued on Page 8)

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This is sort of a follow up of our column two weeks ago in the WBN on the White Front Drug Store in Antwerp.

To sort of remind you about that column, some readers had given us an old medicine bottle that was many years old and it showed that it was from The White Front Drug Store in Antwerp.

After using the web we found that that druggist was Francis Dugan Graves.

His father was Thomas Austin Graves, born in 1839 in Warren County, Ohio. His mother was Keziah Harris, born in England in 1841. They were married in 1863 in Paulding County, Ohio. They had three children. Samuel Graves in Antwerp in March of 1864. Our man, Francis Dugan Graves, in Antwerp in 1866 and another son, Harry, in Antwerp in 1874. Mr. Thomas Graves was a farmer and for awhile a grocer. All of that family were Presbyterians.

Francis Dugan Graves was born in Antwerp in November of 1866. He married May E. Richardson in 1894. He was the operator of The White Front Drug Store.

Now this is some more history about that family.

After last week's column offered in the WBN, Ruth Clem called and gave us a lot of new information about those people. We certainly appreciate all of her help.

The house that she and Rollie live in on North Main Street was built by the parents of Francis Graves, the druggist in 1876. Ruth has been told that the brick in

the fireplace was brought over from England. That must have cost a pretty penny.

Now a number of people have lived in that house. Wendell and Jane Erhart bought the house from the Graves kin in 1944. The reason the Erhart's bought it was because it was one of the few houses for sale that had inside plumbing.

I really enjoyed talking to Ruth Clem the other day.

Rollie Clem's vocation is called Clem's Collectibles. Ruth and Rollie's sons, Reggie and Regan, help run the business. This is all history of a different kind. He deals in sports cards and the older they get the more valuable they become. They cover nearly all sports. He carries nearly everything that goes with sports—clothing, equipment, dress jackets and he has had a successful business for years.

Rollie is an accomplished bowler, he carries a 204 average. He bowled professionally for a couple of years.

This has been just a small part of Antwerp History that is still in the making. See, ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

There was a line of people at the teller's window in the bank. The first man pulled out a big black pistol then handed the teller a bag and told her to fill it with the cash she had in her possession. She did it and handled the bag to the robber.

He accepted the bag and turned to the man standing behind him and asked, "Did you see me rob this bank?" The stunned man said,

"Yes," and the robber fired and killed him. The robber mumbled, "I can't afford to leave any witnesses."

He asked the next man, "Did you see me rob this bank?" When the man said that he did, the robber shot him also mumbling, "I can't leave any witnesses." He asked the next man, "Did you see me rob this bank?" The man said, "No, but my wife did!"

I was in a strange little town standing on the curb when the strangest procession or funeral went by. First was a slow-moving hearse. Right behind it a few feet walked a big dog. Then in single file was a man dressed in black and then, in single file behind him, was thirteen or more men.

I stepped from the curb and fell in and walked beside the first single man. I asked him about the sort of odd parade going on here, because of the dog in front then the single file of men.

He said, "Well, that is sort of an honored spot for the dog as he had caused the death of both my mother-in-law and my wife."

I stuttered and stammered a little bit and then asked if I could borrow that dog for awhile.

He said, "Yes, but you will have to get in line behind these other men."

See, Ya!



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meyer Design Group to perform a water distribution study. Wiebe noted the study will not only provide the Village with updated flows and pressures since the installation of the Emerald Road Elevated Tank, but will also evaluate the Village's ability to provide water service to the Village of Cecil. The cost of this study is not to exceed \$5,500. Daeger motioned to approve contracting Poggemeyer Design Group to perform the water distribution study contingent upon Solicitor Jones' approval, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea.

Solicitor Jones noted he had provided Rife with information he had gathered regarding the mausoleum.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

—Special Council Meeting – Thursday, April 10th at 5:30 p.m.

—Ordinance Committee – Monday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m.

—Street Committee – Monday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Daeger motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Rife motioned to adjourn, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

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their tasks. Within one hour it has all been done and the men have moved off to the commissary for a sandwich and soda before going to bed.

10:45 p.m. – The electrician coils the last cable before idling down the generators to an eerie stillness. In the darkness the elephant trumpets its lullaby and the Circus sleeps...

5:15 a.m. – The entire Circus is asleep. A light is on in the trailer of the Circus Chef...

ROSEMARY AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FARMERS' MARKET

Do you enjoy growing and cooking with herbs? Want to learn more about rosemary? Or do you want to learn more about Hicksville's Farmers' Market or want to find out how to become a vendor there? Then consider attending one of the Hicksville Community Service Center's May gardening programs at the Johnson Memorial Library.

On Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m., the Hicksville Beautification Committee will share information and answer questions about Hicksville's Farmers' Market. The market is entering its second season this year and will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. beginning in June in the library parking lot.

On Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m., the Hicksville Community Service Center will sponsor Rosemary-Grow, Cook, and Enjoy It at the Johnson Memorial Library. The program will be led by Master Gardener Diane Clark.

Monthly herb and gardening classes are scheduled at the Johnson Memorial Library on the second Tuesday and second Thursday of each month respectively. For more information to register for any of them, call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.



PAULDING HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Ray Pier and Jay Jackson said they knew of a book that had some pictures of some Paulding students of years ago. I asked, "Do you know any of them?" They said they did and "why don't you run some of the pictures in the paper?"

Well, I borrowed this book, "First Choir of America," 1947, from David Grimes, a retired school teacher, a historian and book collector. I certainly

appreciate his assistance.

In the first picture is a saxophone Quartet from Paulding, Ohio. L-R: Donna Winter Halter, Monica Reinhardt, Verna Dean Holtsberry, Janice Kuhns. The bottom picture includes L-R: Mary Ellen Gorrell, Iva Bell Woodring, Junior Philpot, Joan Kuhns. If you can't find your grandmother in these pictures, I'm afixin' to run two more in next week's paper, maybe she will be one of those.

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The lady Warriors played Heritage on Tuesday, April 29 and lost. Shown here is Danae Lengacher scoring for Woodlan. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Woodlan had a tough game against Heritage on Tuesday, April 29 and they also lost. Shown here is Senior Braden Hines getting the out at first. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

PAULDING VS. HICKSVILLE IN HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

The Aces took on the Panthers in High School Track on Thursday, May 1.

Girls team results: Paulding 73; Hicksville 62

Event results:

High jump - 1st Razo P, 5'4"; 2nd Gross P; 3rd Tollas H

Discus - 1st Anderson P, 102'6"; 2nd Donaldson P; 3rd Tollas H

Long jump - 1st Razo P, 13'1"; 2nd Geng H; 3rd Michael H

Pole vault - 1st Freeman H, 7'0"; 2nd Caryer H

Shot put - 1st Anderson P, 36'2"; 2nd Donaldson P; 3rd Welling H

3200 relay - 1st Paulding, 11:37

110 hurdles - 1st Gross P, 17.02; 2nd Babinger H; 3rd Headley H

100 meter - 1st Freeman H, 13.5; 2nd Shull H; 3rd Carnahan P

4x200 relay - 1st Hicksville, 1:59.1

1600 meters - 1st Suffel P, 6:13; 2nd Meyer H; 3rd Poth H

4x100 relay - 1st Paulding, 55.3

400 meter - 1st Suffel P, 1:07.7; 2nd Vetter H; 3rd Poth H

300 meter - 1st Smazenko H, 55.6; 2nd Haney H; 3rd Kohart P

800 meter - 1st Laney P, 2:55.2; 2nd Gerhrig H; 3rd Meyer H

200 meter - 1st Shull H, 28.4; 2nd Carnahan P; 3rd Myers P

3200 meter - 1st Poth H, 14:58; 2nd Kohart P

4x400 relay - 1st Paulding, 4:31.5

Boys team results:

Hicksville 77; Paulding 60

Event results:

High jump - 1st Vance P, 5'6"; 2nd Beck P; 3rd Porter P

Discus - 1st Klepper H, 131'3"; 2nd Hathway H; 3rd Arend P

Long jump - 1st Troyer P, 19'; 2nd Michael H; 3rd Tope P

Pole vault - 1st Stallkamp P, 11'; 2nd Battershell H; 3rd Kauser P

Shot put - 1st Arend P, 44'9.25"; 2nd Klepper H; 3rd Flegal H

3200 relay - 1st Hicksville, 9:09.9

110 hurdles - 1st Tope P, 16.2; 2nd Emehison H; 3rd Roughton P

100 meter - 1st Fofanan H, 11.4; 2nd Mott P; 3rd Michael H

4x200 relay - 1st Paulding, 1:35.7

1600 meter - 1st Reid H, 5:16.8; 2nd Meyer H; 3rd Kline P

4x100 relay - 1st Hicksville, 46.0

400 meter - 1st Fofanan H, 51.3; 2nd Rhonehouse P; 3rd Beck P

300 hurdles - 1st Michael H, 43.7; 2nd Tope P; 3rd Shafer P

800 meter - 1st Paulding, 1:35.7

200 meter - 1st Fofanan H, 22.9; 2nd Vance P; 3rd Troyer P

3200 meter - 1st Reid H, 11:31.9; 2nd Kline P; 3rd Meyer H

4x400 relay - 1st Hicksville, 3:41.2

ARCHER SOFTBALL SHUT OUT HOLGATE WITH A SIX INNING VICTORY

The Archer softball team moved to twelve and five overall and five and one in the GMC with a 12-0 six inning victory over Holgate on Thursday, May 1.

Bryn Schlatter and Vanessa Gordon combined for the shut-out victory with Bryn striking out seven and Vanessa four while allowing just two hits.

At the plate Christy Kortokrax led the Archers going three for three with a single, double and a triple while picking up six RBI's. Alaine Wetli was two for two with two singles while Jessie Arnold chipped in with two singles also.

LADY PATRIOTS SHOOT ONE OVER THE LADY WARRIORS IN SOFTBALL ACTION

Woodlan played Heritage in High School softball on Tuesday, April 29. The score was close with a Patriot victory of 6-4.

Woodlan's record now stands at 10-5. The Lady Warrior's game showed 4 runs, 9 hits, and 1 error; 2B-Hogue (W); 3B-Lengacher (W) and LP-Copeland.

Heritage had 6 runs, 11 hits, 1 error; 2B-Enterline (H); HR-Scherer(H); and WP-Wright

RAIDER JV SOFTBALL BAT OVER APACHES ON APRIL 29

Wayne Trace Junior Varsity Girls defeated Fairview 11-10 in 7 innings on Tuesday, April 29.

Abbely Linder went the distance for the win. Vivian Baker was 2 for 3 with 3 runs scored. Maria Schaefer was 2 for 4 and also scored 2 runs.

The Lady Raiders season record is now 7 wins and 3 losses.



The Lady Raiders played Edgerton in a home game on May 1st. JoEllen Fickle shown here gets the out at first. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



What kind of interesting shenanigan is this? Wayne Trace boys played Edgerton in a nine-inning game on May 1st. The boys held their own until the last inning when the Bulldogs outscored them 6-4. Senior Ryan Davis gets nailed by the runner but still keeps the ball and manages the out. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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In case of inclement weather, pictures, pulled pork and silent auction will be at Payne Elementary gymnasium

KINDERGARTEN GRANDPARENT DAY AT WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Pictured above in the foreground are Tori Mathews and her special "grandma", Loraine Buuck, as they enjoyed refreshments at the annual WLS Kindergarten Grandparent Day. Others who attended on April 23 are in the back-

ground. The children sang songs for their grandparents and together they made a book titled "What I Like To Do With My Grandparents" for the children to keep. Refreshments of fruit and veggies concluded this very enjoyable program.

WAYNE TRACE JUNIOR HIGH TRACK INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Wayne Trace played host to a Junior High Track Invitational on April 24.

Boys Team Scores - Spencerville 119, Van Wert 107-1/2, Paulding 92-1/2, Crestview 66, Parkway 43, Wayne Trace 30, Lincolnview 7

100 Dash - Reggie Phillips (VW) 12.02, Anthony Arellano (Paul) 12.27, Kim Bickford (WT) 12.76, Steve Heilman (Paul) 12.89, Austin Lotz (S) 13.06, Calvin Grigsby (S) 13.43

200 Dash - Reggie Phillips (VW) 25.10, Dan Binkley (S) 25.56, Ben Woodruff (Paul) 26.54, Nick Davison (S) 26.57, Chase Kniesly (Park) 27.04, Tyson Crone (VW) 27.29

400 Dash - Nick Davison (S) 59.06, Avery Jones (C) 1:00.68, Joey Hurless (VW) 1:01.07, Derek Goecke (S) 1:03.19, Nathan Wilhelm (VW) 1:04.52, Donald Brown (Paul) 1:04.72

800 Run - Luke Brubaker (VW) 2:28.18, Josh Roberts (VW) 2:28.61, Drew Burnett (Paul) 2:30.52, Ian Munger (Paul) 2:32.88, Phillip Schlemmer (Park) 2:32.89, Joe Wisher (S) 2:36.32

1600 Run - Brandon Ball (S) 5:13.66, Luke Brubaker (VW) 5:18.85, Jared Fleming (VW) 5:31.32, Drew Burnett (Paul) 5:32.81, Ian Munger (Paul) 5:38.71, Jared Rollins (Park) 5:39.65

110 Hurdles - Aaron Grose (C) 17.94, Aaron Hefner (S) 18.79, Brandon Ball (S) 19.20, Dylan Horner (WT) 19.77, Josh Ford (Park) 19.87, Nate McMaster (L) 22.94

200 Hurdles - Tyson Crone (VW) 30.25, Aaron Hefner (S) 30.83, Austin Schleter (S) 31.25, Logan Perl (Paul) 32.00, Josh Ford (Park) 32.58, Dustin Farmer (VW) 33.44

400 Relay - Paulding 51.09, Wayne Trace 51.83, Parkway 53.44, Crestview 54.20, Van Wert 55.04, Spencerville 57.17

800 Relay - Wayne Trace 1:49.63, Paulding 1:51.38, Spencerville 1:52.56, Van Wert 1:53.11, Parkway 1:54.21, Crestview 2:01.43

1600 Relay - Van Wert 4:10.33, Spencerville 4:16.94, Paulding 4:41.52, Lincolnview 4:43.93, Parkway 4:54.97, Wayne Trace 5:10.06

High Jump - Dan Binkley (S) 5-8 (new meet record), Anthony Arellano (Paul) 5-6, Jacob Myers (VW) 5-2, Ian Moore (Paul) 5-0, Nate Mladenovic (C) 5-0, Hunter Thatcher (C) 4-10

Pole Vault - Shawn Cloutre (C) 7-6, Hunter Thatcher (C) 7-6, Tyler Shumate (S) 7-0, A.J. Foster (VW) 7-0, Brandon Jacomet (L) 7-0, (tie) Dustin Farmer (VW) and Spencer Hatcher (Paul) 6-0

Long Jump - Brandon Meyer (S) 15-2, Josh Ford (Park) 14-6, Drew Burnett (Paul) 14-4-1/2, Jacob Myers (VW) 14-3, Nate Mladenovic (C) 14-1/2, Joe Stahl (WT) 13-11

Shot Put - Chase Walters (C) 40-4, Cody Severns (Park) 35-0, Cody Pierstoff (Park) 34-6-1/2, Dylan Layman (S) 33-9, Xavier Hernandez (Paul) 32-5, Alex Chorvas (VW) 30-4-1/2

Discus - Chase Walters (C) 107-2, Xavier Hernandez (Paul) 96-10, Dylan Layman (S) 95-11, Alex Chorvas (VW) 89-9, Cody Severns (Park) 87-11, Sean McMichael (Paul) 86-9

Girls Team Scores - Van Wert 95, Lincolnview 85, Crestview 69, Parkway 60, Spencerville 58, Wayne Trace

57, Paulding 28

100 Dash - Sydney Reithman (VW) 13.54, Erika Frey (C) 13.96, Crystal Protsman (L) 13.96, Bailey King (Park) 14.14, Rachel Scheidt (VW) 14.28, Alyssa Hill (L) 14.38

200 Dash - Sydney Reithman (VW) 28.95, Rachel Scheidt (VW) 29.37, Alyssa Hill (L) 29.72, Shanna German (S) 30.12, Alyssa Mulholland (S) 30.24, Whitney Miller (L) 31.15

400 Dash - Madison Zuber (VW) 1:09.04, Morgan Pugh (S) 1:09.26, Kylee Wenninger (WT) 1:10.58, Allison Rogers (VW) 1:12.51, Whitney Miller (L) 1:13.98, Emily Whitman (WT) 1:16.78

800 Run - Haley McAbee (L) 2:44.05, Courtney Perrott (C) 2:45.83, Jacey Eikenbery (VW) 2:50.97, Elizabeth Saylor (C) 2:57.60, Allison Rogers (VW) 2:58.68, Karissa Burns (L) 3:08.78

1600 Run - Becca Harshman (Park) 6:11.88, Elizabeth Saylor (C) 6:11.93, Alexa Brown (S) 6:12.16, Jacey Eikenbery (VW) 6:27.69, Becca Habern (WT) 6:40.22, Karissa Burns (L) 6:50.00

100 Hurdles - Kaylee Thatcher (L) 16.85 (new meet record), Erika Frey (C) 17.81, Bailey King (Park) 17.90, Madelyn Black (C) 18.09, Haley Burtch (Park) 18.41, Ali Gorman (L) 20.68

200 Hurdles - Kaylee Thatcher (L) 31.76 (new meet record), Haley Burtch (Park) 32.20, Kari Myers (WT) 34.70, Whitney Miller (L) 34.87, Jackie Bowsher (S) 35.12, Molly Gamble (VW) 35.97

400 Relay - Lincolnview 55.05 (new meet record), Wayne Trace 59.44, Van Wert 1:00.05, Crestview 1:00.15, Spencerville 1:02.30, Paulding



Archers Played Ayersville in Baseball on April 29. The Pilots won. The only run was scored here by Anthony Smith in the first inning. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ARCHER BASEBALL VS. AYERSVILLE PILOTS

The Archers scored their only run in the first inning. The Pilots tied it up in the second then added two runs in the third, fifth and sixth and came away with a 7-12 GMC win. Pilot hitters scattered 13 hits throughout the game, with two hits each

coming from Zachrich, Wolfrum, Hyland, Seifert, and D. Flint. Zachrich had the only double in the game. Proxmire had two hits for the Archers. Fry was the winning pitcher and Parisot took the loss for the Archers. The Pilots 16-4 overall have only one loss in the GMC. The Archers have a 1-4 GMC record.

1:04.20

800 Relay - Van Wert 2:02.86, Wayne Trace 2:07.41, Lincolnview 2:09.17, Spencerville 2:14.99, Crestview 2:17.00, Paulding 2:17.66

1600 Relay - Van Wert 4:46.64, Lincolnview 4:53.44, Spencerville 4:58.79, Wayne Trace 5:01.26, Parkway 5:14.66, Crestview 5:19.09

High Jump - Lexi Baker (C) 4-6, Emily Shuherk (WT) 4-6, Alex Morrow (VW) 4-4, Alexa Brown (S) 4-4, Emily Bickle (VW) 4-4, Taylor Miller (L) 4-0

Pole Vault - Megan Pierce (WT) 5-0, Tyne Schlegel (Paul) 5-0

Long Jump - Erika Frey (C) 13-6, Bailey King (Park) 13-5-1/2, Crystal Protsman (L) 13-3, Shanna German (S) 12-7-1/2, Courtney Perrott (C) 12-4-1/2, Abbey Edwards (Paul) 11-7

Shot Put - Kasi Edwards (Paul) 27-10-1/2, Cassie Johnson (S) 25-10, Lauren Buchanan (Park) 25-5, Amy Agler (Park) 23-11, Rachel Long (WT) 23-7, Katie Kohart (Paul) 23-6-1/2

Discus - Lauren Buchanan (Park) 80-3, Cassie Johnson (S) 73-8, Katie Kohart (Paul) 69-11, Brittany Myers (VW) 66-9, Lindsey Gibson (WT) 59-10, Danielle Taylor (L) 583

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400 Relay - Paulding 51.09, Wayne Trace 51.83, Parkway 53.44, Crestview 54.20, Van Wert 55.04, Spencerville 57.17

800 Relay - Wayne Trace 1:49.63, Paulding 1:51.38, Spencerville 1:52.56, Van Wert 1:53.11, Parkway 1:54.21, Crestview 2:01.43

1600 Relay - Van Wert 4:10.33, Spencerville 4:16.94, Paulding 4:41.52, Lincolnview 4:43.93, Parkway 4:54.97, Wayne Trace 5:10.06

High Jump - Dan Binkley (S) 5-8 (new meet record), Anthony Arellano (Paul) 5-6, Jacob Myers (VW) 5-2, Ian Moore (Paul) 5-0, Nate Mladenovic (C) 5-0, Hunter Thatcher (C) 4-10

Pole Vault - Shawn Cloutre (C) 7-6, Hunter Thatcher (C) 7-6, Tyler Shumate (S) 7-0, A.J. Foster (VW) 7-0, Brandon Jacomet (L) 7-0, (tie) Dustin Farmer (VW) and Spencer Hatcher (Paul) 6-0

Long Jump - Brandon Meyer (S) 15-2, Josh Ford (Park) 14-6, Drew Burnett (Paul) 14-4-1/2, Jacob Myers (VW) 14-3, Nate Mladenovic (C) 14-1/2, Joe Stahl (WT) 13-11

Shot Put - Chase Walters (C) 40-4, Cody Severns (Park) 35-0, Cody Pierstoff (Park) 34-6-1/2, Dylan Layman (S) 33-9, Xavier Hernandez (Paul) 32-5, Alex Chorvas (VW) 30-4-1/2

Discus - Chase Walters (C) 107-2, Xavier Hernandez (Paul) 96-10, Dylan Layman (S) 95-11, Alex Chorvas (VW) 89-9, Cody Severns (Park) 87-11, Sean McMichael (Paul) 86-9

Girls Team Scores - Van Wert 95, Lincolnview 85, Crestview 69, Parkway 60, Spencerville 58, Wayne Trace

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Senior Amanda Riebersal slides in to third and is safe. In the next play she scored. Lady Archers played Ayersville in a GMC game and won 5-2. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ARCHER SOFTBALL PICK UP 11TH WIN

The Archer softball team took on GMC foe Ayersville on Tuesday afternoon, April 29 and picked up its eleventh win of the season against five losses while improving to four and one in the conference.

Throwing five innings of no-hit ball Bryn Schlatter stymied the Pilot offense by striking out ten and walking two in the 5-2 GMC victory.

Christy Kortokrax, Kelsey Bashore and Loni Walk provided all the offense necessary to secure the victory.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, 2008

Location: Woodburn City Hall; Date: April 7, 2008; Time: 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Richard Hoepfner, Councilmen Mike Mason, Clarence Riechhart, Bob Zimmerman, Jim Norden, Ryan Walls, and Lesa Meadows.

Mrs. Brown, of 4320 College St. requested a sewer discount due to a water leak. Councilman Reichhart and Zimmerman made motions to discount the entire sewer. Councilman Norden feels they should pay the minimum usage charge. Councilman Reichhart feels because they are paying for 331,000 gallons of water, the entire sewage should be waived. Mayor called for a vote, 3 yes, 1 no, motion passed.

Jim Lauer and Jeff Rowe were present to discuss the sewer project. Jim stated they should be ready by May. Jeff reported on financing options. Mayor would like them to go over the information and have a recommendation in May. Ryan feels updating the influent lift station should be included in the sewer project, Jim agreed. Jeff reported the Havenwood bond could be paid off October 1, 2011 with a 1% penalty, and no penalty October 1, 2012. The 1994 Bond could be paid off in 2014. Councilman recommended giving a discount for watering grass this year. Jeff stated we average Jan-March and that is the discount for June-Aug months. We will need a new ordinance and hold a public hearing before putting it in affect. Councilman Reichhart and Zimmerman made motions to put discount into affect at customers request, all agreed, motion passed. Jeff will do the ordinance and public notice and get information to Lesa.

Mayor Hoepfner stated he would like to see the Resolution for the East Allen Communities passed, he stated they had 60 days to work out the details, if we aren't satisfied, we can get out at the end of the 60 days. Councilman Reichhart made a motion against accepting the resolution, there was no 2nd, motion is dead. Councilman Mason and Zimmerman made motions to accept the resolution, Mayor called for a vote, two yes, two no, Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote.

Chief Carpenter reported 72 incidents for February. Goodrich donated tires for the police vehicles; he would like a Thank you put in the paper. Councilman Zimmerman reported residents on 4-wheelers in town over the weekend. Kyle will check into. Mayor Hoepfner reported he should receive the cost on the cameras soon. Councilman Norden stated the council has not voted on the cameras. It will be brought before the council when the cost comes in. Mayor stated salt bids are going out, it was decided to order 75 tons, delivered in the fall. A spike is sticking out of the speed bump behind the Flower shop; Ryan will get it taken care of. Mayor is suspending the reading of the minutes; Lesa will have minutes in Councils mailboxes by the end of the week; Council will note any corrections they would like to make, Lesa will have the corrected copy at the following meeting for Council approval. Councilmen Norden and Zimmerman made motions to accept suspension, all agreed, motion passed. There was discussion on flags and a clock for Main Street. This is tabled till there is more information available.

Lesla presented the street sweeping renewal contract with INDOT totaling \$270.00. They pay the City for

sweeping 101 through town. Councilman Reichhart suggested trying to get it raised next year because it's swept more often than the contract states. Councilmen Reichhart and Norden made motions to accept the contract, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa stated in order for Councilman Reichhart to be paid the \$15.00 labor charge he submitted the council would need to approve it in the meeting and he will need to file a conflict of interest form with the state board of accounts. Councilmen Norden and Mason made motions to pay the labor charge, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented for payment, Councilmen Mason and Norden made motions to pay all warrants, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa discussed with council about moving the election expense out of the promotion fund, tabled till next meeting.

Ryan asked if stone around mail boxes is city's responsibility, Mayor stated if they have time to put stone around to save the edge of the road. Ryan reported the transmitter is in and running good. He purchased pool noodles and is going to fill socks with the straw for the sewer ponds and will document the results. He is ordering stone to do some of the alleys and he will be flushing hydrants; he will get an article to Lesa to put in the courier.

Councilman Reichhart

presented bids to repair Tile Mill Road. Brooks Construction bid \$53,000.00 for Tile Mill Road, \$352.00 for patch at Center Street and \$1,800.00 for alley at Do It Best. T & E bid \$62,500.00 for Tile Mill Road and \$2,700.00 for the alley repairs. Councilmen Mason and Norden made motions to accept Brooks bid, 3 yes, 1 no, motion passed. Councilman Reichhart will get quotes to fix the ditch on Tile Mill Road. Work on the ditch will be done before the road is fixed. Mayor is checking on cost to redo sidewalks: from the alley to the corner by Jim's Pizza, from the elevator to the entrance of the grocery store and in front of the fire station. Mayor stated he would like to redo Stenger Street in phases over the next 3-4 years. When the weather gets nicer the Mayor would like to check into renting the street-sealing machine from Grabil.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

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Musing on Military Power

If you build one of the world's most powerful militaries, you will need to find people to fight.

If you partner with banks whom you authorize to create artificial money from nothing, based upon the forced confiscation of the citizenry, you will find people to fight.

If you place agents and ideologues in positions inside the news media you will be able to wage never-ending war for financial gain to your own military-industrial co-op and the banks that finance it.

If the citizenry tolerates endless war, they will lose all of their freedom under the false pretext of preserving it.

I wrote that quip a couple of months ago and stuck it on the shelf until now.

It's no secret that I don't support the illegal police action we are undertaking in Iraq right now, but that's besides the point. I want to deal with the mindset of our troops who are the base reason the illegal war is continuing in the first place.

Get the Evildoers

It's been said that Saddam had to be taken out because he was so evil. Well, Stalin, Pol Pot and Idi Amin were probably more evil than Saddam on his worst day, but we didn't "liberate" any of those leaders' citizenry. Let's see, what did Saddam have that Stalin, Pot and Amin didn't? Perhaps it was the "Black Gold, Texas Tea...Oil that is."

"Just doing Our job"

Everyone blames President Bush for continuing a debacle in Iraq most of our Union doesn't want, much less afford. However, I submit that President Bush - as with all tyrants throughout history - is merely a figurehead with little to no actual, personal power.

I hear some of the troops in Iraq saying,

"We don't get involved with the politics, we have a job to do and we do it."

That's an interesting statement. I thought their "job" was encoded in the oath they took to protect and defend the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic. If protecting and defending the Constitution is the mission, then I do more to that end in one edition of the Fort Fairfield Journal than some U.S. Soldiers will do in their entire career. I've at least read the Constitution and understand it. How many of them have?

There's nothing that I know of in the military oath to "just do your job." When that type of mindset settles in, it is very easy for a totalitarian dictator to exercise power he was neither legally granted, nor authorized to use.

Fundamentals of Tyranny

In order for tyranny to perpetually exist, a tyrant must possess three things. They are:

NUMBERS: A tyrant must have a sufficient number of enforcers to do his will.

LOYALTY: In addition to vast numbers of enforcers, a tyrant must have their complete and unquestioned loyalty to "do what they're told" regardless of the mission. Money is usually a good way to attain this.

ARMS: The loyal enforcers of the tyrant must be equipped with a sufficient number of armaments in order to enforce the tyrant's edicts on a population which vastly outnumbers them. Disarming the population is always helpful to these ends.

The essence of tyranny is that a tyrant requires a sufficient number of loyal, armed enforcers. If just one of the three legs of the tyrant's stool falls, (I.e. "numbers", "loyalty" or "arms") so, too, will the entire stool and also the tyrant.

A tyrant cannot be voted out of office, nor will he voluntarily relinquish control. A tyrant considers opposition to his will as an act of "terrorism." A tyrant cannot be appealed to or negotiated with, for a redress of grievances. A tyrant cannot be reasoned with. The only language a tyrant understands is that which he communicates in

- overwhelming physical force.

Loyal Enforcers

Soldiers who "just do their job" and don't analyze what they are being asked to do paradoxically enable the same tyrannical power structure to grow and develop at their home that they are attempting to quash elsewhere.

Throughout history, single men have become tyrants based solely on the loyalty of their troops.

Let's see how troops "just doing their job" have enabled other great, tyrannical leaders to ply their trade:

Nero

Nero had his guards cause a fire that burned much of Rome in 64AD. He then blamed it on the Christians and proceeded to have them rounded up and executed. Nero hardly did any of his own killing, it was his loyal guards - his "troops" - "just doing their job."

Prince Vlad Dracula

Vlad the Impaler, as he was also known, was responsible for the deaths of more than 100,000 people. His preferred method of murder was impaling people - many times while still alive - on wooden stakes.

A battle once ensued where Vlad attempted to capture then kill Sultan Mehmed II. Mehmed escaped, but on his way back into his city, he found in a narrow gorge a forest of impaled human cadavers, estimated at 20,000 men, women and children. Of course, Vlad did not impale all 20,000 people all by himself. He relied heavily on his loyal troops who were more than willing to "just do their job."

Ivan the Terrible

Ivan IV, Tsar of all the Russias in the mid-1500's was a ruthless tyrant whose campaigns of pillage, torture and desolation were infamous. He created Russia's first "Secret Police" and boasted of deflowering a thousand virgins and destroying thousands of his own offspring.

While Ivan was terrible, he relied heavily

on men of narrow minds, with supple backs, who never contradicted him and encouraged him in his debauchery. These men were loyal to their leader and "just did their job" without asking questions or considering the inhumanity of the actions they were carrying out for their leader.

Joseph Stalin

Stalin was leader of the Soviet Union in the mid 1900's. He was responsible for the deaths of at least 20 million of his own citizenry - many of whom were dragged off to the Gulags in assembly line arrests to die horrible, inhumane deaths.

Stalin didn't kill those people personally. It took a monolithic infrastructure of guards, "judges," inquisitors who excelled in the art of torture and death squads to arrest and exterminate that many people over a twenty year period. Those loyal troopers "just did their job" for Stalin, too.

I could go on with Hitler, Ida Amin, Pol Pot, et al. But I think you get the point.

Blind Loyalty

Today, our troops (and police) have been taught a blind, unwitting, submissive loyalty to their leaders. They are taught to never question the law or authority. They are trained to "just do their jobs" and leave the politics up to their "superiors." I should know, I went through U.S. Army Basic Training years ago and I'm sure it's worse now.

We the People didn't hire the military to "just do their job" we hired them to protect us from tyrants - foreign and domestic. We didn't hire police to be "law enforcement" - the government did. We hired our police to protect our rights from an overreaching tyrannical government.

"Just doing their job," without asking questions or contradicting their superiors sets us up to be just another tyrannical oligarchy like so many before us.

Surely, there's nothing new under the sun. But, it's up to all of us to decide if a U.S.-based tyranny is what we truly want for our children and for humanity, or not.



Jim Pendergrast of ACDC giving a check to Antwerp Mayor Ray DeLong

ANTWERP WABASH RAIL DEPOT RESTORATION VISITED BY SENATOR

By: Sue Knapp

On May 2 at 1:30 Senator Steve Buehrer, Kirk Slusher from ODOT, members of Antwerp's A.C.D.C., Antwerp officials and Tony and Kay Langham met at the Antwerp Wabash Rail Depot.

The Village of Antwerp had sent a letter to Senator Buehrer requesting monies from discretionary funds to help with the project. Senator Buehrer was impressed with the size of the building and the good condition the structure was in. Senator Buehrer commented that it would be about two weeks before the Village knows about any money that will be received.

The Village will also ap-

ply to the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) to help with the cost of pre-design and engineering.

ODOT (Transportation Enhancement Program) will help out with 80% of the cost leaving the Village's part coming to \$106,989. A.C.D.C. has promised to help come up with the money needed through donations and fund raisers. A.C.D.C. then presented the Village with a check for \$10,000. By the end of this summer \$33,434 will be needed for engineering costs and designs.

The Depot was established in 1883 and was up-town. Later when the Depot wasn't needed anymore and the Temple family along with a non-profit organization paid to have it moved to its present location so it

would not be destroyed. Jim Pendergrast of A.C.D.C., speaking for all the members, thanked the Temples for their part in the preservation of the Depot.

There was old Railroad Record Books found in the Depot that will be on display. An old pot belly stove, a wagon with metal wheels, wood trim and original hardware in the Depot will also try to be restored. Some of the things improved will be: interior restoration, woodwork, floor treatments, windows, doors, asphalt parking lot, sidewalk, rest-rooms and kitchenette just to name a few.

The Village has provided ODOT with a time line for the project with estimated completion for October 2011.

When completed the Depot will be used as a Visitor/Community Building.

ARCHER BASEBALL FALL SHORT THRICE

On April 24, Antwerp hosted Hicksville in a GMC league contest with Hicksville winning 11-3.

Hicksville forced 4 first inning errors by the Archers to help the Aces jump out to a 5 run lead. Hicksville scored 11 runs on 10 hits.

Josh Vandermark had 2 singles and a double and Ryan Sailer had 3 singles each to lead the Aces. Kyle Proxmire had 2 singles and Shaile Chamberlain had a double for the Archers.

Eric Applegate took the win and Kyle Proxmire got the loss.

On April 26, Antwerp sponsored a 3 way with Montpelier and VanWert.

Montpelier took home the opener with an 8-0 win over the Archers in the first game.

Top hitters for the Locomotives:

Lambasun, Weisz and Miser each had doubles.

Hamor, Weisz Oneal and Misner all collected 2 hits each.

Montpelier took the second game 11-7 over VanWert.

VanWert then beat the Archers 11-1 in the final game.

Bell was the winning pitcher and Chamberlain took the loss.

Top hitters for VanWert were Anderson who was 4 for 4 including a double.

Thomas had a double while Miller, K. Dunlap, B. Dunlap and Murphy all collected 2 hits each for the Cougars.

Kobee had 2 hits for the Archers.

WAYNE TRACE JV SOFTBALL OVER THE TOP AGAINST DELPHOS JEFFERSON

Wayne Trace JV Lady Raiders came away with a 13-6 victory over the Delphos Jefferson Wildcats. The win raised the Lady Raiders record to 8 wins against 3 defeats.

Abbey Linder went the distance on the mound to get the win. Solid defense and smart base running were keys to the victory for the evening.

Leading the way at the plate were Brenna Dunham with three hits and three runs scored. Kelsey Heck belted out two singles and a triple and scored three runs also.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL HONORS ITS VOLUNTEERS



Paulding County Hospital honored its volunteers with a gratitude luncheon on Tuesday, April 29. Pictured are al-

most 50 volunteers who give their precious time to make the hospital a better place to visit. The hospital could not

operate so efficiently without their help and support.

HICKSVILLE'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FLOWER SALE WILL BLOOM ALL OVER!

Hicksville's Beautification Committee is expanding their products and services available at their annual fundraiser. This is the third year for the two-day event that raises the majority of the funds necessary for the planting of the 20+ plots around the village. Another part of the fundraiser is a Bake Sale for donations which buys supplies for the summer kids programs at the Rotary Park. There is no shortage of good cooks in Hicksville!

This year's biggest addition is the "Gardening Kitchen" which will consist of Marlene Volkert and other garden club friends and Master Gardeners doing custom plantings of flowers and/or herbs in your containers or ours while you wait or for pickup later in the

day! Also, there will be unique collections of flowers and herbs in unique and one-of-a-kind containers for Mother's Day gift giving or for personal use. "We're blessed with an ambitious bunch of gardeners here in our community," says Marlene Volkert.

Herb Kitchen Gardens will be available already pre-planted this year or can design your own. "It's nice to find things new to do right here in Hicksville where a sizeable gas expenditure isn't required," Diane Clark said. Another component of the HCSC is to provide educational classes such as those on herbs, gardening, and budget saving cooking. Schedules of the classes are available at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Increased supplies of herbs will also be available. According to Diane Clark, they're out to make Hicksville the Herb Capital of Northwest Ohio! "We've been holding monthly herb classes and gar-

dening classes at our library about a year now and attendance is consistent and growing." The talks are informal and informative. Most herb speakers bring items to taste while learning about the herb of the month. Some in attendance come from adjacent communities like Defiance and Bryan.

The next herb class is Rosemary which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Diane Clark will do the class and it will include tasting of Rosemary Green Beans and Chocolate Rosemary Truffles. Herbs will also be sold while supplies last at the Farmer's Market on Tuesdays between 7:00-11:00 a.m. starting on May 20.

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The Vantage Haiti team: (back row) American Studies teacher Peg Bollenbacher, English teacher Sonya Yenser-Hammon, Justin Davis, AJ Wolford, and Principal Keith Rydell stands behind Superintendent of the Bordes School Marius Turrene and his wife, Venisia during their visit to Vantage.



Vantage American Studies teacher Peg Bollenbacher (left) joins members of the Van Wert Rotary Club Wayne Kilton, Barb Thompson, Gary Taylor, Stan Agler and Dee Whitcraft as they welcome Marius Turrene and his wife, Venisia to Van Wert.

By: Principal Keith Rydell

Two Vantage students and three staff members ventured to Cap Haitien and Bordes, Haiti for a week long trip from April 6 to April 14, 2008. The Vantage delegation included students Justin Davis (Interactive Media/Ottoville) and A.J. Wolford (Jr. Medical Office Management/Paulding), along with staff members Peg Bollenbacher, Sonya Yenser-Hammon, and Keith Rydell. Throughout the week, the Vantage team was able to experience Haitian culture, present some Haitians with American products that are considered rare in Haiti, as well as work together to strengthen the partnership between Vantage and a vocational school in Bordes, Haiti.

Five years ago, after hearing Bordes Superintendent, Marius Turienne, speak to Vantage social studies students about Haitian culture, the Vantage student body voted to "adopt" the Bordes school and work hand-in-hand with them to provide vocational services to its students. They would organize this endeavor through a student formed Haiti Committee. This original committee began with two advisors and twelve students. During the second year of its existence, the Haiti Committee partnered with the Van Wert Rotary Club and associated itself as a Rotary Interact Club. While the primary purpose of the Interact Club was to strengthen the partnership between Vantage and the Bordes School, they also agreed to tackle service projects that would benefit local constituents. To date, the Vantage Interact Club has almost 175 members.

One major accomplishment of the Interact Club was establishing and maintaining a carpentry program at the Bordes School. By creating a carpentry program at the Bordes School, Vantage has taken an integral role in helping teach Haitians skills that will benefit them for

their entire lifetime. Over the last five years, Vantage students have raised nearly \$25,000 for the Bordes carpentry program, while also making annual trips to Haiti. Peg Bollenbacher, social studies teacher at Vantage, said, "Adopting the school at Bordes was a student-led initiative. Our Vantage students wanted to reach out and work with Bordes students to provide opportunities that they otherwise would not have."

The primary purpose of the trip this year was to conduct the graduation of the Bordes' Carpentry students. Students and staff members delivered the funds that were raised this year, and once in Haiti, purchased lumber and tools to help sustain their five year partnership with the carpentry program at Bordes. Members of the Bordes community were very hospitable to the Vantage team. During the week, we shared Haitian meals with our hosts, Marius Turienne and his family. Several trips were made to the Bordes School to deliver supplies, complete minor renovations to the school, and share stories between Haitian and Vantage students. Also, in an effort to break down language barriers, Vantage students developed scrapbooks and photo albums of both Vantage and Bordes students. These were presented to the Bordes students, and it was clear that they were grateful of our gift to them. Furthermore, The Vantage Interact Club purchased 19 sets of hand tools, one for each Bordes graduate, so they could have materials to work with after graduation. The Interact Club felt it was essential, after the graduates received their training, to have the necessary equipment to market their new trade.

Bordes members and Vantage students and staff also visited the ruins of King Henri Christophe's Palace and Citadel (fort). The Vantage delegation finalized the week by participating in two Creole church services. At the conclusion of the church services, Vantage team members conducted the graduation, which included the issuing of tools, diplomas, and congratulations to the Bordes carpentry students.

At the conclusion of the week, every person who participated in the trip was awestruck at the hospitality of the Haitian people. Without a doubt, participants grew both as individuals and as a service organization through their encounters in Haiti. Everyone who went on the trip believed that their experiences have made them become more conscientious, concerned and caring people.

As a special treat, Pastor Marius and his wife, Venisia, had the opportunity to come to the United States and visit Vantage on Friday, May 2. At a student assembly, Marius answered questions about everyday life in Haiti, as well as the food shortage. When asked how Haitians live with so little, Marius replied, "If your friend has, they share with you. If you have, you share with your friends."

If your group would like more information or a presentation about the Vantage Interact Club and their Haiti Project, please call Peg Bollenbacher at 419-238-5411 ext. 182.



1: Vantage SkillsUSA national qualifiers and state competitors. Front row (l to r) Brent Hoersten (Ottoville), Sam Price (Van Wert), Chris Vibbert (Van Wert) and Rusty Warnecke (Ottoville). Back row (l to r) Tyler Lucas (Antwerp), Autumn Baldwin (Van Wert), Chris Bayus (Van Wert), Elizabeth Osborn (Antwerp), Brent Grothaus (Lincolnvew), Jeremy Ewing (Van Wert) and Aaron Geckle (Continental). Unavailable for the picture was Tyler Carlisle (Paulding).

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE STUDENTS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL SKILLSUSA COMPETITION

Twelve trade and industrial students competed in team and individual events at the Ohio SkillsUSA contest held recently in Columbus and three will move on to represent Vantage and the state of Ohio at the National Contest this summer!

Senior Carpentry's Rusty Warnecke, from Ottoville, took top honors in the Cabinetmaking contest to qualify for the Championships in Kansas City. Chris Vibbert and Sam Price, both seniors from Van Wert in the Industrial Mechanics program teamed up to take first place in the state Mechatronics contest and will be heading to the Championships also.

Brent Hoersten, an Ottoville senior in the Electricity program, brought home a bronze medal for his third place finish in the Residential Wiring contest. Other state competitors were Aaron Geckle, a Continental senior who competed in the Carpentry contest, Tyler Carlisle, a Paulding senior who competed in the Precision Machining

contest, Tyler Lucas, an Antwerp senior who competed in the CNC Milling contest, Elizabeth Osborn, an Antwerp senior who competed in the Nurse Assisting contest. Electricity seniors Chris Bayus, from Van Wert and Brent Grothaus from Lincolnvew teamed up to compete in the Robotics contest, while Jeremy Ewing a Precision Machining senior from Van Wert competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking contest and Autumn Baldwin a senior from Van Wert in Health Careers competed in the Medical Math contest.

SkillsUSA is a national organization for career technical students training for careers in trade, industrial, technical and health-related occupations.

Congratulations to all the state competitors and good luck to those students who will be competing at the National Championships!

This school year is quickly winding down. The senior awards assembly will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons. The last day for Vantage seniors will be Friday, May 16 and the last day of school for all Vantage juniors will be Wednesday, May 28.



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Mrs. Stebleton shows Tabby Jones, Hannah Rettig & Kaitlyn Titus how a florist makes an artificial bouquet.

Antwerp Kindergarten & Little Archer preschool students were visited by many community workers on April 24 and 25. They enjoyed learning about so many different kinds of job opportunities.

THE OHIO STATE ALUMNI CLUB OF VAN WERT/PAULDING COUNTIES WINS AWARD

On April 28, 2008, the 5th annual "Spring for Scholarships" dinner and auction sponsored by The Ohio State University at Lima was held at the Shawnee Country Club.

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties was awarded the Judy Von Blon Buckeye Spirit Award at the event. This award goes to an area

OSU Alumni Club who works diligently promoting The Ohio State University. Accepting the traveling banner on behalf of the club were Alice Schaufelberger, left; and Pam Herminghuysen, right. Shown in the center is Judy Von Blon, for whom the award is named. The speaker for the evening was Dr. E. Gordon Gee, President of The Ohio State University. Complete information about the club is available at www.osuvwp.org.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK



By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

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Here are some simple things you can do during Be Kind to Animals Week and throughout the year to show kindness and compassion for animals:

- Adopt a pet from a shelter. Approximately 8 to 12 million animals enter shelters in the USA every year and more than half of these animals will have to be euthanized because of lack of homes. Local shelters are the best place to find companion animals, even purebreds—one out of every four dogs in a shelter is a purebred.
- Help solve the tragedy of euthanasia of adoptable animals by not contributing to the problem. If you have pets, make sure they are spayed or neutered.
- Be a responsible pet owner. Keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times in case they get lost and take your pet to the veterinarian every year for vaccinations and an overall health check.
- Make a donation to your local animal shelter. Dog food, towels, collars and leashes are always appreciated.

The shelter will be open for adoptions on Friday between 2:00-6:00 p.m. Tessa is our featured pet this week. She is a Dutch Shepherd and a very nice sweet dog. See the dogs at www.petfinder.com/shelters/OH709.html

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/7 THROUGH 5/13

- Breakfast:**
- 5/7 – Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 - 5/8 – Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 - 5/9 – Turnover, milk
 - 5/12 – Pizza, milk
 - 5/13 – Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

- Lunch:**
- 5/7 – Hot dog/bun, potato chips or pretzels, carrot sticks, k-pak, milk; WT: ham wraps
 - 5/8 – Breaded chicken pieces, mashed potatoes, yum yum cake, whipped topping, milk
 - 5/9 – Rotini/meat, breadstick, corn, cheese stick, peaches, milk
 - 5/12 – Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, mandarin oranges, milk
 - 5/13 – Nacho chips, meat/cheese, salsa/sour cream, corn, mixed fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/7 THROUGH 5/13

- 5/7 – Chicken strips or tex-mex chili, celery, pears, milk; PLUS: potato bar
- 5/8 – Meatball sub or BBQ beef on bun, green bean casserole, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or broccoli cheese soup
- 5/9 – Fiestada or ham salad sandwich, carrots w/dip, jello w/fruit, pretzels, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
- 5/12 – Hamburger or chili dog on bun, corn, dill pickles, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese w/fruit
- 5/13 – Sausage on bun or cook's choice, carrots, pears, cheese stick, milk; PLUS: salad bar or onion rings

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

Porter Auction will be hosting their 12th annual Benefit Auction for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. It will take place 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, NASCAR items, coke table & chair set, food items, pizza & 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.

Last year we raised over \$5,500 and we would like to meet or beat that amount, so please help us out. If we all do a little, it helps alot!

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. A 50/50 cash drawing will be held the night of the auction.

Porter Auction is located at 19326 Co. Rd. 60, Grover Hill, OH 45849 and phone number is 419-587-3511.

QUARTETS VISIT ON "Q" DAY!!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers had a special visit from the Paulding Junior High Boys Quartet recently on "Q" day! These boys are under the direction of Mr. Dave Clapsaddle and did a fantastic job sharing their harmony with us. Shown here from the left

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/7 THROUGH 5/13

- MS/HS – Breakfast**
- 5/7 – Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 - 5/8 – Cinnamon twist or coffee cake, juice, milk
 - 5/9 – Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
 - 5/12 – Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 - 5/13 – Tator tots & cheese, sausage, juice, milk
- MS/HS – Lunch**
- 5/7 – Stuffed crust pizza, corn or ham chef salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk
 - 5/8 – Turkey club sandwich, celery & carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
 - 5/9 – Footlong chili dog, spiral potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 - 5/12 – Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy & bread or corn dog, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 - 5/13 – Cavatini, green beans, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary – Lunch**
- 5/7 – Maize coated frankfurter (corn dog), power

- packed legumes (baked beans), antioxidant compote (fruit cup), calcium infusion (milk)
 - 5/8 – Pump iron cheese pizza, get moving green beans, antioxidant compote (fruit cup), calcium infusion (milk)
 - 5/9 – Tasty taco salad, cruciferous crunch (lettuce), crispy carbohydrates (crackers), antioxidant compote (fruit cup), calcium infusion (milk)
 - 5/12 – Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 - 5/13 – Sack Lunch: peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrots, pretzels, fruit snack, milk
- Oakwood Elementary – Lunch**
- 5/7 – Ham & cheese stromboli or hot dog on a bun, green beans, fruit, milk
 - 5/8 – Bar-b-que pork on a bun or hot dog on a bun, peas, fruit, milk
 - 5/9 – Turkey deli sub or hot dog on a bun, carrots w/dip, cheetos, fruit, milk
 - 5/12 – Rotini w/meat sauce or ham & cheese on a bun, lettuce salad, bread, fruit, milk
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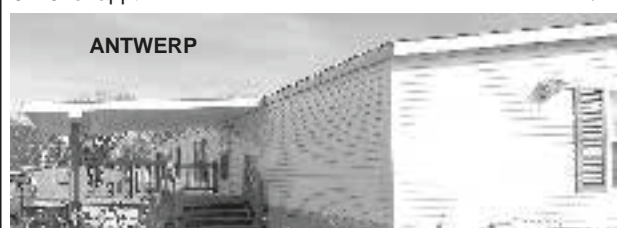
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Paulding County's Students of the Month

APRIL 2008

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month (2 elementary and 1 High School) from OUR county. Congratulations to these young people!



Kayla Flint is a senior at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School and her parents are Spencer & Julie Beckman and Randy Flint.

Her many activities include cheerleading, band, choir, Field Commander for Marching Band, FFA, student council, senior class president, Jr. Fairboard, part-time job at McDonald's in Paulding.

Not only is she busy, but she has won many awards for her talent and dedication to: Cheerleader of Cheerleader's Nominee, Coach's Award for Football and Basketball Season, Varsity Letter, Academic Letter

She plans to attend the University of Toledo in the fall and major in Physical Therapy.

Kayla, may all of your plans go well and keep up the good work!

Kyle Recker is a sixth grade student in Mrs. Harp's class at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. He is the son of Dennis and Lisa Recker of Antwerp. Kyle has 2 younger sisters, Kiana and Kennadi, and a younger brother, Kayden. He is an outstanding honor roll student and is a server for Mass. Some of his favorites are: Food: Spaghetti, Candy: Tootsie Pops, Sports Team: Ohio State Buckeyes & Cleveland Indians. His favorite shows on TV are sports and his favorite subject in school is Social Studies.

Kyle's hobbies include playing baseball, and playing basketball for St. John's Crusaders.

Congratulations Kyle for being a hard worker and good student at St. John's



Drew Burnett attends Paulding Middle School and is the son of Jeff and Jill Erford of rural Oakwood, and Kevin Burnett of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He is an 8th grader.

Drew is a perfect 4.0 student and has been on the honor roll every quarter of his middle school years. Drew is an outstanding student and positive role model for the students at Paulding Middle School. This is a result of his diligent work ethic and his strong determination to excel in all he does. Other students look to Drew for his leadership and compassion. He is a student all teachers would love to have in their classroom.

Drew is involved in basketball, football and track at Paulding Middle School. His hobbies include all sports, fishing, and hunting.

Congratulations Drew on your success. We are proud to recognize you as an outstanding student at Paulding Middle School. Great job!



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VANTAGE BOARD HEARS MORE ABOUT OSFC RENO- VATION PROJECT

The regular monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008. The treasurer's report included the approval of the April 7 and April 22 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of March 2008. The board approved a resolution to approve the updated 5 year forecast and amended appropriations and revenues for FY08. They also approved a resolution to authorize ING Financial Advisors, LLC as Vantage Career Center's 403(b) Tax Deferred Annuity Program Plan Administration. A representative from the OSFC as well as Bruce Miller, architect with Garmann/Miller Architects, were present to answer questions from the board on the proposed renovation and expansion project.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with an update on the interview process for Administrative restructuring and teaching positions. She discussed changing the August board meeting date due to a conflict with the All-Ohio ACTE Conference. Director Bob Vennekotter reviewed the state contestants and national qualifiers, senior capstone project day, the recent bloodmobile and announced the Vantage Awards Assembly on May 13 at 9:00 a.m. Principal Keith Rydell was proud to announce that Mike Knott and Robin Burns completed their Praxis III assessment and passed with flying colors. He also discussed the recent Haiti Trip, the Legislative Luncheon in Columbus and the

GOALS day. Adult Education Director Jim Grant reported on the All-Ohio Adult Workforce Development Educators conference that was recently held. He provided a summary of winter quarter classes and information on the Federal Perkins Act 5-year grant application.

In new business, the board:

—Approved employment of the following, as needed, as scheduled: Jonathan Pickett, Science, Kathryn Hartoon, Science, Brent Wright, Welding, Mike Villena, Auto Body; Karen McGilton, Bob Hall, Nancy Sheets, Marie Bentz, Penny Baucom, all summer maintenance and Phyllis Wortman, Adult Education Evening Substitute Secretary;

—Approved extended service contracts for the following as submitted: Adam Lee, Marcia Osenga, Dee Howell, MaryJo Wilhelm, Susan Farr, Jim Fisher, Vern Fischer, Pam Knodel, Shirley Jarvis, Jennifer Waltz, Pat Winicker, Jerry Robinson, Larry Mengerink, Tammy Deitsch, Cindy Krizan, Jean Minning, Ben Winans;

—Accepted the retirement resignation of Mary Ann Hall, ECE Instructor effective May 31, 2008;

—Approved paid administrative leave for John Keuneke starting April 29, 2008;

—Authorized payment of stipend to Jean Minning for Lead Academic Teacher for 2008-2009;

—Approved a Supplemental contract for Jo Mohr for T & I/FBPA Readiness;

—Approved NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies handed out at the April 22 meeting;

—Approved a satellite agreement for Family and Consumer Sciences and Agriculture programs with Paulding Exempted Village Schools for 2008-2009;

—Authorized the Superintendent to enter into a purchase agreement for two building lots for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 house construction projects;

—Authorized the Superintendent to request November 10, 2008 as a waiver day for staff development;

—Approved amendments presented to the Superintendent's contract;

—Approved the Treasurer's contract from January 1, 2009 through July 31, 2013;

—Resolution to approve Memorandum of Agreement with the VTO regarding Grievance Suspension Agreement;

—Accepted with thanks a \$250 donation from Beta Delta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority to the preschool program.

The Superintendent requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel. No action was taken.

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant.

Resolution No. 2007-P

A resolution establishing a Community Reinvestment Area, CRA 07-A Area, in the Village of Payne, Ohio

—Clerk, Ronald Etzler
Village of Payne

Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School

Student of the Month

Jessica Zink is a senior at Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School. She has participated in many activities over the years including: National Honor Society, National FFA Organization, Service Club, 4-H, Student Council, Varsity Softball, Junior Varsity Softball, Junior Varsity Volleyball, Freshman Volleyball, Class President, Academic Superbowl, Yearbook Staff



Outside of school she loves horseback riding and sports. She has done many other things. She has been in numerous outside events.

Her awards include: * ICGSA Academic All-State Team Softball. * Student Rotarian of Fort Wayne. * Who's Who Among American High School Students. * Who's Who Among American High School Students—Sports Edition. * NSAA National English Merit Award.

Look for more about Jessica in an upcoming issue! Great Job!

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This week we will bring to you the history of two one-time Woodburn residents.

Henry A. Byroade was the son of Ernest C. and Carrie Byroade of Woodburn. Mr. Byroade was a farmer. Henry was born on July 24, 1913 and died December 31, 1993.

Henry went to Cornell and West Point after which he began his career as an Army Officer. Brig. Gen. Byroade became the U.S. Ambassador for Egypt, Pakistan, Philippines, Burma, Afghanistan and South Africa. This is just a tip of the iceberg of the things he did while serving the United States.

Henry married Mary K.

Richard and they had three sons: Gene, John and Alan. He then married Jitha D. Henson and they had a daughter, Linda.

In his spare time, Henry found old broken down objects and made them like new and serviceable.

Jane E. Henney was the daughter of Harry and Jeanette from Woodburn. Jane's parents were teachers at Woodburn Elementary and Woodburn High School. Dr. Jane Henney became the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration under President Bill Clinton in the early '90's. She has served on many boards of directors in the health field.

Her hobbies are fly fishing, reading, gardening, weight lifting, cooking and yoga. Her and husband Dr. Bob Graham live in Maryland.



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