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JOHN PAULDING DAYS 2008



Many area people visited the town square in Paulding this past week as the John Paulding Days festival was taking place. The town was filled with entertaining rides and events as the 2008 fair passed by in good form.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL RECEIVES FIVE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Teachers at Antwerp Local School have received three grants this year which are national in scope and highly competitive nationwide. The fourth grant is from a regional foundation. The grants were awarded because of the innovation shown by Antwerp teachers in their classroom instruction.

The first grant is for students to design and build a community "Reflection Garden" at school. This grant was

written by Lisa Girlie-Jordan, art teacher, Cathy Barnett, Technology Coordinator and Carol Swary of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center. The grant is entitled the Lowe's Toolbox for Education (\$5,000) and is designed to extend Lowe's community involvement beyond the traditional retail setting by helping to improve neighborhood schools, assisting with natural disaster recovery or taking an active role in programs that make neighborhoods better places to live. Students will plan and create a school/community Reflection Garden using art, technology and land-

scaping in a service learning project involving community mentors and Antwerp students.

Another grant is one of eight awarded in Ohio and is the Hewlett Packard (HP) Technology for Teaching Initiative, which is a nationwide search for innovative projects in the classroom which integrate technology into teaching. The K-12 HP Technology for Teaching grant initiative is designed to support innovative and effective uses of technology in the classroom setting.

School teams consisting of five teachers receive equipment, professional development and support needed to effectively integrate technology into classroom instruction. The five team members at Antwerp are: Rose Reinhart, Ava Burkheimer, Patti Kammerer, Donna Hibbard, and Laurel Hopkins. The grant was written by Cathy Barnett, Rose Reinhart, science and math teacher and Carol Swary of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center. Each teacher's classroom will receive a total of approximately \$40,000 in technology equipment (a tablet PC, printer-scanner, multi-media projector and digital camera) this summer and will imple-

ment the project, "The Polar Express" next year. The Polar Express is a science and language arts project which involves celebration of the International Polar Year through projects concerning the environment in the polar regions and communicating live with scientists stationed in the polar regions.

The third grant received by Antwerp Schools is the National Education Association's Learning and Leadership Grant (\$5,000). Learning & Leadership Grants provide opportunities for teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff to engage in high-quality professional development and lead their colleagues in professional growth. The grant was written by Cathy Barnett, district Technology Coordinator, for the purpose of studying the use of interactive technologies such as SmartBoards (interactive white boards) and Classroom Performance Systems (CPS) in the classroom. Team members will receive in-depth professional development for SMARTBoards and CPS and collaborate on a PEERS project (Partners Educating Enlivening and Reviewing Ourselves) in which

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HUGHES ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY



Kelsey Hughes, an equestrian studies major, has enrolled as a freshman at The University of Findlay for the 2008-09 academic year.

Hughes, a 2008 graduate of Wayne Trace High School, is the daughter of Joan Hughes, 2415 Rd. 17, Payne, Ohio, 45880.

Hughes was active in National Honor Society, Buckeye Girls State, student coun-

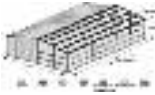
cil, band, choir, 4-H, Junior Fair Board and church youth group. She has been named to the honor roll.

Hughes was awarded the President's Scholarship from the University.

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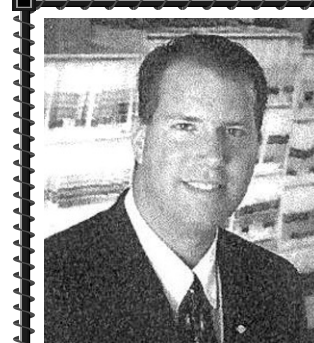
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OBITUARY

David Lee Myers, 50, Hicksville, died Sunday June 8, 2008 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

He was born January 14, 1958 the son of Carl and Margaret (Swartz) Myers.

He was a 1977 graduate of Paulding High School. He was employed at Haver Machine in Hicksville.

He loved his family. His hobbies included fishing, boating, gardening and raising aquarium fish, both fresh water and salt water.

He is survived by three sisters: Cathy (Ron) Wirts of Paulding, Carla (Chuck) Sensabaugh of Antwerp, Connie (Howard) Sensabaugh of Hicksville; brothers, Steve (Linda) of Van Wert and Jason (Julie) of Hamler; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and an infant brother, James.

The funeral was held at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville on June 12. Pastor W. E. Barlow, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Antwerp officiated. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH HOSTING STROKE, VASCULAR DISEASE AND HEART RHYTHM SCREENING

Residents living in and around the Payne community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or heart attack. Life Line Screening will be at St. James Lutheran Church on June 23. The site is located at 511 West Townline Street in Payne. Appointments will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the United States.

Recommended baseline screening include Stroke/Carotid Artery, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Peripheral Arterial Disease. The Carotid Artery screening uses ultrasound to identify blockages in the arteries in you neck, a leading cause of stroke. The Atrial Fibrillation screening checks for an irregular heart beat and the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening looks for a ballooning of the largest artery in the body. Screening for Peripheral Arterial Disease checks for blockages in the arteries of the arms and legs, a condition that leaves the individual at 4-5 times higher risk of heart disease.

Additional screenings can be added for a more comprehensive risk assessment and include C-Reactive Protein, a blood marker for vascular disease and diabetes; complete Lipid Panel including HDL/LDL and total cholesterol; Glucose, a measure of blood sugar level which can determine your risk for diabetes; and an ultrasound screening for Osteoporosis.

Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's leading provider of preventive screenings.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-643-6188. Pre-registration is required.

POWER LAB VBS AT ST. PAUL UMC

Power Lab VBS is coming to Payne St. Paul United Methodist Church on June 23-27 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Come "Discover Jesus' Miraculous Power" if you are age four through incoming sixth graders. Our closing community program will be Sunday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 312 S. Main St., the corner of SR 49 and SR 613. For more information or to pre-register call 419-263-2418 or 419-576-7855 or go to www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/paynest-paul2008

THE MASTER SCULPTOR'S FAVORITE TOOL

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

Thomas Wheeler, Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company tells a good story on himself. He says that while he and his wife were out driving he noticed they were low on gas. So he pulled off at the first exit and came to this dumpy little gas station with one pump. There was only one man working the place, so he asked the man to fill it up while he checked the oil. Wheeler added a quart of oil, closed the hood, and then noticed his wife talking and smiling at the gas station attendant. When they saw him looking at them, the station attendant walked away and pretended as if nothing had happened. Wheeler paid the man and he and his wife pulled out of that seedy little station. As they drove down

the road, he asked his wife if she knew the attendant. Well, she admitted she did know him. In fact, she had known him very well. For it seems that they not only had gone to high school together, but they dated seriously for about a year. Well, Wheeler couldn't help bragging a little and said, "Boy, were you lucky I came along. Because if you'd married him you'd be the wife of a gas station attendant instead of the wife of a Chief Executive Officer." His wife replied, "My dear, if I had married him, he'd be the Chief Executive Officer and you'd be the gas station attendant."

I know there are many wives out there breathing a hearty, "AMEN." I'm convinced that there is a valuable principle to be learned in Mrs. Wheeler's comment. One of the primary tools God uses in our lives to shape us into Christ-likeness is our mates. The goal of the Christian is to be conformed to Christ. Our spouse is one of the Master's favorite tools to sculpt us into Christ's image.

There are areas of my life that need to be chipped away, rough edges that need to be sanded down. Though saved by grace, I'm still a garden-variety sinner in the process of becoming more and more like God intended. The main arena where I learn lessons concerning forgiveness, patience, gentleness, and servanthood is my marriage.

Too many husbands and wives view one another as someone to be tolerated rather than as an instrument of God to be welcomed. The "chipping away" process is often painful and, at best, uncomfortable. But it is necessary, and for our ultimate good. So even when you find yourself involved in disagreements, arguments, and frustrations in your marriage, continue to realize that the Lord is using that other person to develop Godly characteristics in your life.

Why not tell your spouse today how much you appreciate him/her? Tell your mate how grateful you are that God is using him/her to build godliness into your life. And be sure to ask the Lord to renew your perspective and to help you to be teachable, moldable, and usable in the process. It will not only refresh your attitude, but it will do wonders for your marriage.

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH LESSON 1G

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

In this lesson today let us look into the Bible to see the names of the New Testament church. In I Corinthians 3:16 the church is known as the temple of God. Other names are the bride of Christ—Ephesians 5:22-32; the body of Christ—Colossians 1:18, Colossians 1:24, Ephesians 1:22-23; the kingdom of God's son—Colossians 1:13; the house of God—I Timothy 3:15; the church of God—I Corinthians 1:2; the church of the first born—Hebrews 12:23; the church of the Lord—Acts 20:28; and also the churches of Christ—Romans 16:16.

Loved ones, if people would only go to the Bible to study, with an open mind, to see what God is saying. Usu-

ally, when people go to the Bible, it is to try and prove that they are right in whatever they may be discussing with someone. The Bible says the same to me as it does to you. God's word is not to be divided into meaning one thing for one person and then that very same scripture verse meaning something else for someone else. God tells each of us there is only one church, not many. Do you believe God or man? The Bible teaches one way of salvation, not many as man teaches—so which one are you going to believe and put your trust in? The Bible, which is God's holy and inspired word, says we must be baptized for the remission of sins and to be added to the Lord's church. Man says there are other ways to be in a church and that we do not have to be baptized. Who is right, God or man? There can only be one right answer and that answer is God. Read I Corinthians 1:9-10; also read what Jesus said in John 17:11; 17:21-23.

Loved ones, it would be a

beautiful world to live in, if not for man's misunderstandings. What I have written for the last several weeks is scriptural, coming directly from the verses of God's word. I wrote this series of studies so that you can see that God is always right and that man has a tendency to teach his message instead of the message of God. Until the next time, please remember that Jesus loves you and so do I!

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST "WORSHIP IN THE PARK"

Christ Lutheran Church will be holding their annual "Worship In The Park" church service on June 29, 10:00 a.m. Following the service featuring Bluegrass music, a picnic lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with an old time gospel singing and fellowship following.

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I have so many people to thank. My family who supported me as always. All the hospital staff who took excellent care of me for six weeks and Dr. Gray for this care. Everyone who sent cards, flowers and visited and said prayers for me, and my neighbors who brought food—my dear husband.

—Barb Panico

THANK YOU

Thanks so much to those who sent cards, expressed sympathy or called due to the passing of our son, husband and brother. Knowing others care is a great comfort to us.

—Nathan & Carol Doctor, Laura & Gretta Doctor, Tammy Bradtmueller & family

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By: Rich Phelan, Living Water Ministries, Payne

I was surfing the internet awhile back and I came upon an interesting article about the worst baby names. I just had to investigate that one because this topic really resonates with me. My daughter just missed being named Harley Davidson Phelan. This was in protest, because her mother wouldn't let me have one. My rationale was that if I couldn't ride one, I could still have one to play with. I showed my wife what a man of compromise I was; I gave her a second option. She could just let me get a real Harley, and then we'd give her one of the names we'd talked about if we had a girl. I figured she would have to see it my way now, and see that letting me have a Harley was the best option after all. Yeah, it went over about as well as you think it did. We compromised all right. We named her Rachel, and 13 years later I still haven't gotten my Harley!

I was laughing so hard as I read some of these names. How would you like to go

through life as "Mayo Head" or "Pickle Parker?" Any takers? How about "Cabbage Haywood", or "Sloth Washington?" Here's a name for the more sophisticated among us: "Mayor Bland", and those with frequent flyer miles to Las Vegas: "Gamble Moore."

There are kids who are named after diseases. "Cholera Priest", "Typhus Black", and who could ever forget about "Emma Royd?" I know what you're thinking: when these kids grow up they're going to need professional psychological help to come to grips with their parents' sense of humor. Well, never fear all they will have to do is look to the yellow pages and make an appointment with "Doctor Love!" I wish I was kidding, but folks, these are all real names.

Back in my day a poorly chosen name could get you beat up on the playground and your milk money stolen. But this is a different category all together. With a handle like these you'd have to move away under the cover of darkness, and enroll in a special school filled with kids with crazy names. Can you imagine the teacher calling the roll in the morning? Teacher - "Cholera Priest... has anyone seen Cholera this morning? She's probably ditching class again. I knew that Emma Royd would be a bad influence on her!"

Someone wiser than me once said that you are what your name is, or that your name describes you. For their sakes, I pray that isn't true. Our culture wasn't the first one to give kids "goofy" names though. Back when I was in Bible College, I learned in my Old Testament class, that The Prophet Isaiah had a son. And he had a pretty peculiar name too. The Lord made him name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz. Wow, can you imagine trying to get that to fit on a driver's license? What would you tell the person working the counter? "It's spelled like it sounds?"

The thing is God had a pretty good reason for hav-

ing Isaiah name his baby boy Maher-shalal-hash-baz. The name means "swift is the booty, speedy is the prey." To make a long story short, God was saying that He had some good news and He had some bad news for His people.

One of my favorite passages of scripture is John chapter 10. Here Jesus tells us that He is the "Good Shepherd." He is the one who leads His sheep out of the sheep pen; it's His voice that we listen for so we can follow. In verse 3 He says that not only will we know His voice, but Jesus calls us by name. No matter what our name is, no matter what we've been through, Jesus knows us, and guess what? He knows your name.

You may have caught a lot of garbage through the years even if your name isn't "Cabbage", or "Cholera" or Emma Royd." It should give us great comfort that there is a loving, grace filled Good Shepherd waiting for you to "answer the call," when He calls you by name. It may come while you're sitting in a church service, it may come while you're walking the dog. It may even come while the world seems to be falling down around you, and all you can hear is the thunder of a broken life. If we'll just stop and listen carefully we will hear that voice of the Shepherd calling you by name.

LOCAL STUDENT TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO'S CAMP MED

Ellise Wetli, who will be a freshman this fall at Antwerp Local Schools, will attend the 11th annual CampMed program at The University of Toledo Health Science Campus June 19-20. Ellise is one of 34 northwest Ohio students to be accepted into the program.

CampMed is a two-day camp intended to stimulate the students' interests in the medical and science fields by experiencing hands-on and up-close laboratory sessions and seminars. The selected students needed to submit a letter of recommendation, a nomination from a math or science teacher or counselor, and a personal essay.

The ninth graders will be assigned to teams and guided by physicians and UT medical students during their experiences at CampMed. They will cover a multitude of areas including anatomy, histology, clinical skills orthopedics and surgery.

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Bryant is the son of Pat and Joni Miesle of Antwerp.

REGULAR PRACTICE CREATES BETTER WRITERS

With summer just around the corner, children are enjoying the warm weather, fun activities with friends and vacation time. But summer can also be an enjoyable learning experience. The summer break provides many memorable moments, and writing about them is a good way to record those memories and practice writing skills at the same time.

"Parents tend to focus on their children's reading and math skills, overlooking that writing is an education fundamental. It's fast becoming the forgotten 'R,'" says Craig Beckett, Executive Director of the Bowling Green, Defiance, and Lima Sylvan Learning Centers. "This is unfortunate, as writing is an important part of every facet of education, not just in English class. Writing proficiency can have a major impact on other subject areas too."

Summer vacation provides an excellent opportunity for children to explore their creative writing skills. Sylvan Learning Center, the leading provider of in-center and live, online tutoring at home to students of all ages and skill levels, has developed the following tips to help parents encourage their children to write over the summer:

Pick an Engaging Topic

Persuading your child to write over the summer break may be easier if you help them identify fun and engaging topics. Suggest timely subjects.

—For example, Independence Day on July 4th is a good opportunity for your children to explore their own patriotism.

—Ask them if they know what patriotism is, and what it means to them. Encourage your children by helping them with some research about America, its history, people and places.

Give Story Starters

Sometimes the most difficult part of writing can be getting started. Help your children write their patriotic essays by giving them topic ideas, such as:
—I am proud to be Ameri-

can because...

—On the Fourth of July, my family and I usually...

—If someone asked me what my country means to me, I would say...

Sylvan Tips on Writing

—Good writing takes time. Spend time organizing your ideas and thinking about what you really want to say in your essay.

—Use the Internet or library to research your topic.

—Prepare an outline before you begin to write.

—Use transition words — such as "after," "although," "before," "however" and "therefore" to help your ideas flow together.

—Be willing to revise. Change your sentences and paragraphs around, add material that lends to your writing and delete material that doesn't work.

—Avoid clichés and jargon.

—Always keep a dictionary handy to help with spelling.

—Use a thesaurus to help you think of a new way to say something.

—Ask someone else to edit your work.

—Proofread everything. Make sure grammar, spelling and punctuation are perfect before you declare anything

"finished."

—Don't rely on a computer's spellchecker to ensure proper spelling.

Sylvan Learning Center can help children improve writing skills through its Academic Writing program. The program is designed to help students understand many writing formats and styles, including illustrative and descriptive essays, comparative passages, persuasive writing, expository writing, summaries and outlines. Students in the program also complete exercises in grammar, spelling, vocabulary, paragraph structure and essay development. Visit <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/writing-tutor/index.cfm> for more information.

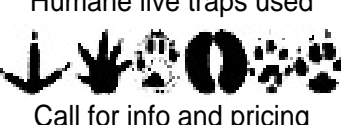
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LATA INTRODUCES MILITARY HEALTHCARE BILL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced H.R. 6185, the TRICARE Continuity of Coverage for National Guard and Reserve Families Act of 2008, while joined by multiple military Veterans organizations on Capitol Hill last week.

H.R. 6185 allows retired members of National Guard and reserve units with 20 or more years of faithful and honorable service to purchase healthcare that was available to them during their time in active service or after they reach 60 years of age. Currently, members who have retired but are not yet 60 years of age are not eligible for TRICARE, and are referred to as being in the "gray area." Right now there are approximately 220,000 retirees that fall within the "gray area" and an additional 12,100 service members retiring and entering this status each year.

"H.R. 6185 is an important piece of legislation and I am proud to introduce it. This bill addresses a lack of continuity in healthcare coverage for members of our military who have served our country by providing access to the healthcare they deserve. As more of our National Guard troops are called to duty overseas, even after retirement, they should not suffer a gap in healthcare coverage," Latta said during the press conference.

"Ever since my tenure in the Ohio General Assembly, I have worked to ensure the Ohio National Guard has the best facilities and college benefits possible so they can perform their mission. As a member of Congress, I am committed to continuing my work for all National Guard members and their families," Latta added.

NORTHERN OHIO SENATORS SECURE AMENDMENT TO JOBS BILL TO PREVENT PROPOSED OHIO TURNPIKE FUNDING DIVERSION

A coalition of Ohio Senators from Northern Ohio was successful in securing an amendment to the pending \$1.57 billion bipartisan economic stimulus legislation - House Bill 554 - that will effectively eliminate Ohio Turnpike funds as a revenue source to fund the package. The amendment would ensure that the jobs package is fully funded by allocating \$200 million from the state's Budget Stabilization or "Rainy Day" Fund.

The original proposal would have authorized the issuance of \$200 million in bonds, backed by Ohio Turnpike revenues, to support proposed investments in high tech research, infrastructure and workforce development, all in the name of encouraging the creation of jobs and to give Ohio's slowing economy a much needed boost. Though under current law, Turnpike revenues have been required to be invested in communities along the Turnpike corridor, HB 554, as introduced, would have included the \$200 million from the Turnpike to support programs statewide. Further, because the Turnpike would be responsible for paying debt service on the bonds, Senators were concerned that the expense could exacerbate the need to raise tolls.

According to these Senators, the alternate funding proposal they put forth not only preserves funding for one of Northern Ohio's most valuable economic engines, but using Rainy Day funds, as opposed to issuing debt,

is less expensive to the state in the long run and will ensure the economic stimulus dollars are spent more expeditiously.

"I am pleased that we were able in the Ohio Senate to remove language raiding dollars from the Ohio Turnpike to pay for the Economic Stimulus Package," State Senator Mark Wagoner (R-Toledo) said. "This is a very big victory for Northern Ohio, protecting one of our most valuable transportation assets and keeping the turnpike dollars in Northern Ohio."

"Quality transportation systems are a cornerstone of economic growth and diverting resources away from the Turnpike would only undermine the stated intent of the jobs package," State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) said. "With high gas prices already facing travelers, to cause a diversion of the Turnpike budget funds would only lead to higher tolls and more financial stress on traveling Ohioans."

Buehrer chairs the Senate Highways & Transportation Committee and serves as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission.

"The diversion of funds from the Turnpike would have left Northern Ohio residents carrying a disproportionate share of the burden to fund the jobs package and seeing less of the benefit. It would have taken needed resources for upkeep and infrastructure, and ultimately could have made driving the Turnpike more expensive," State Senator Larry Mumper (R-Marion) said. "It is only right that Turnpike revenues stay in Northern Ohio where motorists regularly use the road and pay its tolls."

"I fundamentally believe that we cannot borrow our way into prosperity. This plan ensures we rely less on debt as we work together to boost our state economy," State Senator Kevin Coughlin (R-Cuyahoga Falls) said. State Senator Bob Spada (R-North Royalton) said: "This amendment makes the jobs package even stronger. It ensures investments in areas that will greatly benefit Northeast Ohio, including biomedical research, advanced energy and programs that will keep our best and brightest working in Ohio, while also ensuring the economic stability of the Turnpike."

The amendment was accepted today by the Senate Finance & Financial Institutions Committee and the full Senate will vote on HB 554 on Wednesday.

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IMPROVING THE ORGAN DONATION PROCESS IN OHIO

From Our State Representative: Lynn Wachtmann

Currently, there are more than 99,000 people in need of an organ transplant in the United States, with approximately 2,500 of those individuals living right here in Ohio. Last year, more than 28,000 transplants were performed, giving thousands of individuals with life-threatening medical conditions a better quality of life.

These statistics also highlight the need for transplantable organs. A single person can save as many as eight lives through organ donation and assist up to 50 more through tissue donation. Technological advances as well as government regulations have dramatically changed organ and tissue procurement procedures in the last few years; however, Ohio's anatomical donation laws have not been updated in more than 40 years.

To address this issue, I recently introduced House Bill 529, also known as the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA). This legislation streamlines organ donation laws among individual states and ensures the work of organ donation and transplantation continues in a manner that maintains the critical goal of supporting people and saving lives. One of the main provisions of the bill makes it easier for families to donate a person's organs if that person had not registered as an organ donor. It also strengthens language that honors the decision of an individual who has elected to donate their organs upon death.

House Bill 529 also allows individuals with health care directives requesting the withdrawal or withholding of life support to donate their organs by permitting measures to ensure the suitability of organs prior to the removal of life-support systems. In addition, it makes intentionally falsifying documents related to making or refusing organ donation a felony.

Our state has one of the best organ donation registries in the country, and passage of House Bill 529 will improve the donation process so even more individuals can be helped. Similar legislation has been passed by 27 states and has been introduced in nine others. I am pleased to say this legislation was recently approved by the House Health Committee and now moves to

ANTWERP'S ANNUAL SPRING EVENTS



Antwerp community garage sales took place on Saturday, June 14 with many people out and about enjoying the deals and the weather. The V.E.T.S. were working on their events at Riverside Park getting ready for their evening concert, while the Rotary was selling their annual brats and dogs.



the House floor to be voted on by the entire chamber. I will be sure to keep you updated on the progress of this bill as it moves through the Legislature.

For more information about organ and tissue donation, please visit www.donatelifehio.org or www.lifelineofohio.org. You can register to become an organ donor in Ohio by filling out the Donor Registry Enrollment Form available through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Web site: www.bmv.ohio.gov. You may also sign up when you apply for or renew your driver's license or

request a state ID card. Ohio does not require family consent to carry out your wishes to be an organ, eye or tissue donor. However, you should inform your family of your decision to help avoid any confusion or delays.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On June 2nd, I finally received my China Stimulus check from George Bush. What a pathetic joke from a person who has been misleading America for eight years! It's our government at it's lowest. According to my letters preceding this check I was to receive it by May 30 and it would be \$600. I received it on June 2 and it was only \$300. Another Bush lie. I'll bet if I owed the government money and it was due on May 30 they would expect it on that exact date or I would pay a hefty interest fine!

What are these checks supposed to stimulate anyway? Everybody I'm sure noticed how gas prices started going up on May 1—just as the checks started going out. Plus, with the poor economy everybody is so far in debt that they will use this money to pay bills. So much for buying things they want. I am not spending a cent of this on gas or bills. I will not support Bush's gas buddies with my check.

If King George wants to help the economy he should roll back gas prices to what they were when he took office. Maybe if he had to drive his own car and pay for his own gas he would see the real problem in this country! It's a shame that what was once the greatest, most productive country in the world has to borrow money from a third

world country like China to try to help Americans survive! This is really a poor idea; going further into debt to pay off debts.

America needs to stop being the world's babysitter and bank! We will loan you money but you pay it back with interest by a set date or you pay extra penalties! That's how my bank loans operate and they mean it.

China makes me a bit wary and nervous too! Notice how scrap metal, aluminum and misc. are selling for very high prices? Where is it going? To China! Japan did the same thing in the 1930's—we sold them scrap; they built a great military machine and on December 7, 1941 they took us to war! I hope history does not repeat itself. America needs to take care of America and not worry about other nations. Another six months and we'll be rid of King George and hopefully America will start on the road to recovery!

—Gregg Gorman

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the team members form a core peer mentoring group to support others implementing these technologies throughout the district. The Student Technology Services team (STS) will also participate in training and provide technical assistance and on-going support.

The fourth grant awarded to the Antwerp Local School is from the Cooper Family Foundation. Cooper Foundation recently provided funding (\$3,500) to further the district's efforts to provide new interactive technologies in the classrooms. A "Smart Classroom" will be established in the 2nd grade classroom of Mrs. Mary Jane Miller. This will include a ceiling mounted projector and SMARTBoard interactive whiteboard that will provide interactive lessons for students. Cooper Farms supports area organizations with the goal of making the community a safer and more enjoyable place to live. The grant was written by a team including: Cathy Barnett and Mary Jane Miller.

The final grant awarded during the 2007-2008 school year was a Martha Holden Jennings Foundation grant in the amount of \$3,000, written

by Kayla Bagley, high school language arts teacher. This grant is entitled "Mastering the Seven Deadly Sins of Sophomore Writing: A Click Away". It is a language arts unit involving approximately 60 sophomores. The goal was to solve the lack of skills and interest in grammar using the Classroom Performance System (CPS). The CPS is technology equipment in which each student participates or answers questions in class with their own "clicker". This technology allows each student to answer without risk or embarrassment and allows the teacher to see each student's mastery of the concepts. The grant was awarded for teacher professional development to learn to use the technology equipment in the classroom.

Antwerp continues to write grants for innovative or new projects and technology equipment in the classroom to compensate for declining state funding.

HICKSVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE 2008

The teams are set and preparations are almost complete for the annual Hicksville Relay For Life on Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21. Hicksville High School's track at the North Bryan Street community park will once again be the site for Relay.

The 18-hour event will kick off at 6:00 p.m. with opening ceremonies led by Mayor Larry Haver. Honorary chairs Bev Kaiser, Kathy Schooley and George Seibert, along with all cancer survivors and caregivers will be honored by rounding the track for the first laps.

Each of the 20 participating teams will be honored during the Parade of Teams after the Survivors lap and all teams will have their campsites set up and ready to offer the public food, confections and a wide variety of items for sale with all proceeds going towards each team's RFL goal.

Co-chairmen Danna Kimpel, Kim Kimpel and Heather Timbrook note that survivors will be honored with special goodie bags which will allow them to visit team booths for special gifts or they may choose to just sit and enjoy the entertainment and fellowship Relay provides. Seating will once again be provided throughout the infield area and bleachers will be set up at the stage and big screen area for those wishing to sit and enjoy the many events taking place through the evening. For those who might find walking a challenge, there will be wheelchairs provided onsite and golf carts will be

available for transport to and from the parking lot and right onto the track. The vehicles will participate in the Survivor's Lap and will be available for anyone needing a ride throughout Relay.

A silent auction will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the big tent on the track infield and will run through Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Acts planning on appearing on the RFL stage include: inspirational singer The Alley Worship Band (6:30 p.m.), Revelation (7:45 p.m.), Tony Tracy (9:00 p.m.), Age Old Stationary (9:30 p.m.), David Bussing Band (12 midnight), selections from "Hicksville! The Musical" (1:00 a.m.), Chuck Witte (7:00 a.m.) and the Fike Brothers Band will close out the Relay with Bluegrass and gospel from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on stage.

The Miss Relay contestants will be introduced at 7:30 p.m. The pageant this year will take on a 50s theme with a male team member decked out in "bebop" style. The contestants raise money for their team through donations and the contestant raising the most money when the contest ends at midnight following the Ms. Relay Sock Hop will wear the 2008 Miss Relay crown.

At 10:00 p.m. Relay's signature Luminaria ceremony will take place with special music provided by Old Age Stationary (Kassi Brown and Ellen Coplin).

Candlelight illuminates the names of those remembered on the white luminaria containers and the names of luminaria honorees will be read by Cindy Tollas as their names and photos are featured on the 10-foot big screen. Luminarias may be purchased through 9:00 p.m. Friday at the Relay information/entrance tent.

During the evening, several teams who have had raffles going on to raise money for their goals, will offer the final chances for sale and the winning tickets will be drawn Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. by Miss Hicksville 2007 Brittany Taylor. You could win a Wii, quilt, necklace, kid's bike or a grill.

There will be games for kids and Lowe's will be bringing a make-a-craft workshop to Relay this year for youngsters. From midnight - 2:00 a.m. the community pool will be open and staffed for those who would like to cool off. For gamers, there will be Guitar Hero in the pavilion from 2:00-4:00 a.m.

This year Relay will be asking all school age children to be registered if staying past the town curfew of 12 midnight. Student and an adult will be required to sign up for wristbands which must be worn after midnight.

Any young person without a wristband will not be allowed to stay at Relay after curfew.

Breakfast will be available to the public in the pavilion at 8:00 a.m. and from 8:00-9:00 a.m. the Five Star Dance Studio will provide wake-up dance entertainment on stage.

The annual live auction begins under the big tent at 9:00 a.m. Antiques, handmade and new items will be on the auction block. Specialty items like a wine and cheese basket-of-the-month or a gallon of homemade ice cream each month for a year will also be offered. Bruce Guilford Real Estate and Auctioneering will be calling out the bids for the live auction.

At 10:00 a.m. The Fike Brothers will take to the stage to fill the stadium with Bluegrass and Gospel favorites as the teams prepare for the closing ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. Miss Hicksville will assist in the announcement of team tallies and the presentation of team awards will take place. The traditional final lap and balloon release will officially end Relay at 12 noon.

Chairs Danna, Kim and Heather say this year's goal for Relay is \$75,000 and that with the support of the community the goal is in sight. The Hicksville Relay has raised over \$250,000 in the past five years and that RFL funds are used by the American Cancer Society for research to find breakthroughs in cancer treatment and continue to work towards finding a cure for cancer. Hicksville Relayers invite the public to come by the track and see what Relay is all about.

DAVID FICKEL WINS TWO FFA AWARDS



By: Sue Knapp

David Fickel knows what he wants and knows how to get it. His parents, Blane and Claudia Fickel farm soybeans and raise lambs and David has always helped them. He's also been involved in 4-H placing pigs. He works for Cooper Farms and has been there for two years. David has a younger sister who is active in 4-H and shows her lambs at the PC Fair.

David graduated from Paulding High School this year where he was involved with the FFA. He applied for the awards to be given out at the FFA State Convention in Columbus. He won first in the Environmental Science/Natural Agriculture Management Award and second in Agriculture Processing. He ran the irrigators for Cooper Hog Farms to receive the Environmental Award and his project for the Ag Award was working the Cooper Farm Feed Mill. Part of the awards was monetary. David is now eligible for a national award through FFA.

David plans to go to Ohio State ATI (Agriculture Tech Institute) Campus in Wooster majoring in Hydraulic Power and Motion Control. He will design Hydraulic Systems.

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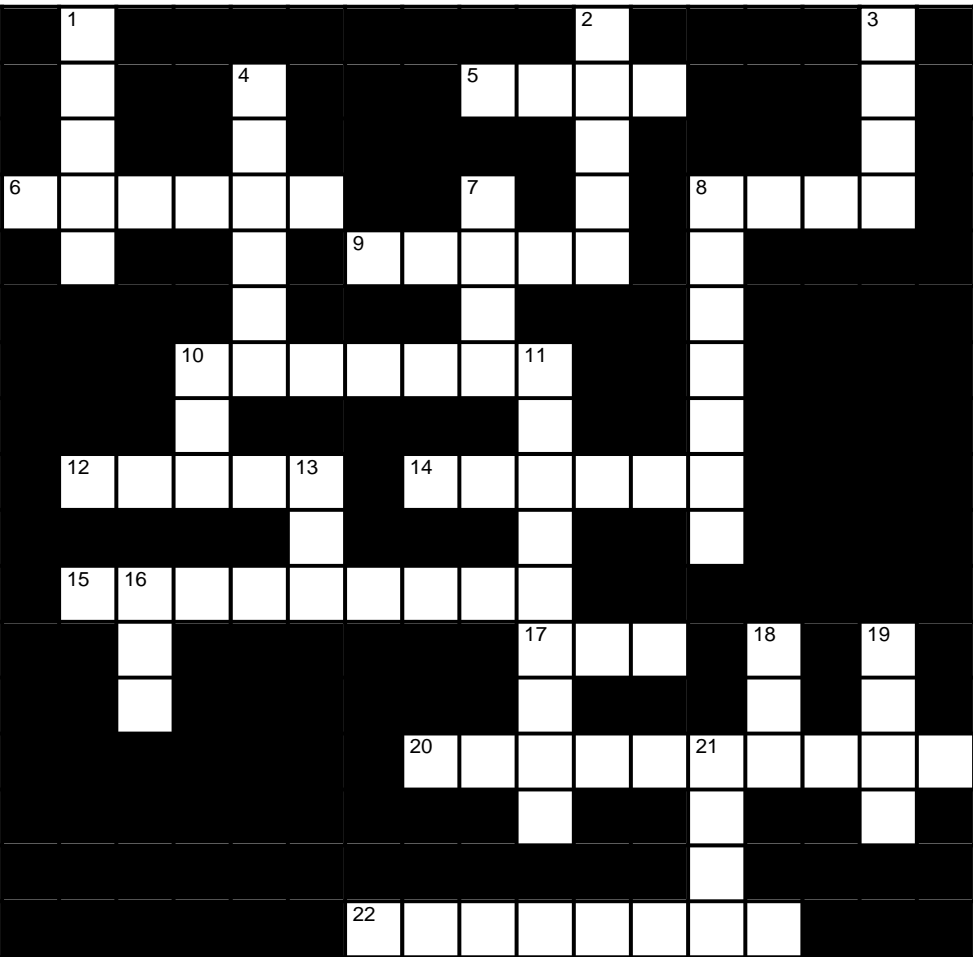
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| <p>Across</p> <p>5. You use it between your head and toes, the more it works the thinner it grows. What is it?</p> <p>6. What is bought by the yard and worn by the foot?</p> <p>8. A farmer has 15 pigs and all but nine die. How many are left?</p> <p>9. At night they come without being fetched. By day, they are lost without being stolen.</p> <p>10. If you divide 30 by one half, and then add 10, what do you have?</p> <p>12. A doctor gives you three pills to take, one every half hour. How many minutes will the pills last?</p> <p>14. What is deaf, dumb, and blind and always tells the truth?</p> <p>15. The more you take the more you leave behind.</p> <p>17. If there are three apples and you take away two, how many do you have?</p> <p>20. Yesterday is always before today. Where does yesterday follow today?</p> <p>22. What can bring back the dead, make us cry, make us laugh, make us young, born in an instant and last a lifetime?</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>1. A beggar's brother died, but the person who died had no brother. Who or what died?</p> <p>2. What do you use to hoe a row, slay a foe, and wring with woe?</p> <p>3. How much dirt is in a 6x6x6 hole?</p> <p>4. Seven months of a year have 31 days, how many have 28?</p> <p>7. A train is traveling south at 70mph. The wind is blowing 30mph to the east. Which direction is the smoke going to travel?</p> <p>8. In what state is it not legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?</p> <p>10. In baseball, how many outs are in an inning?</p> <p>11. What has one foot on each side and one in the middle?</p> <p>13. Is there a fourth of July in Great Britain?</p> <p>16. According to records, how many birthdays does the average person have?</p> <p>18. The Smith family has a mother, father and seven daughters. Each daughter has one brother. How many are in the family?</p> <p>19. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the ark?</p> <p>21. How many times can you subtract 5 from 25?</p> |
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THIS YOUNG MAN JUST KEEPS RUNNING AND RUNNING

By: Sue Knapp
 When Hayden Krick was a freshman he decided he wanted to be in Track and Cross Country. It has been the sport of his choice ever since.

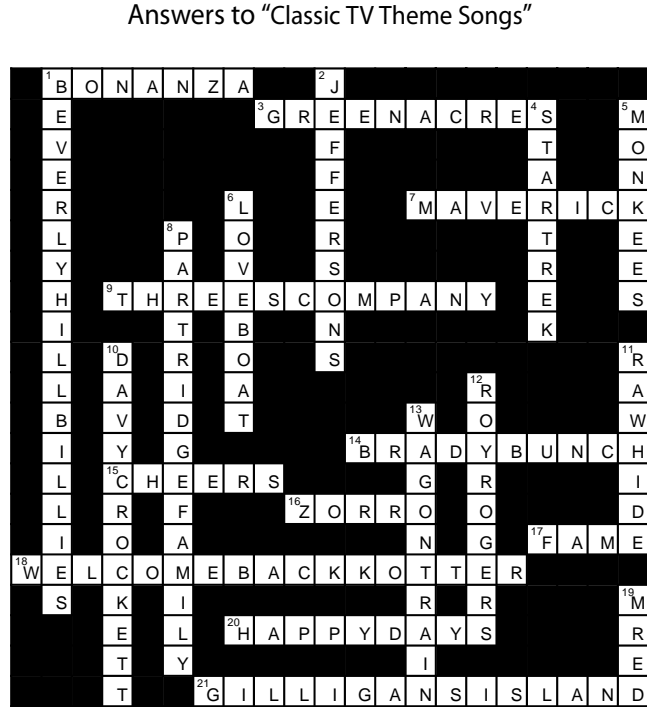
Hayden will be a senior this year at Antwerp High School. This year he won the following in the 3200M run: Paulding County Champ, GMC Champ, District Champ, Qualified for Regionals, Awarded GMC All-Conference Team, Awarded MVP Boy's Antwerp Track and set a new Antwerp High School record that stood for around 20 years and less than a week later he broke his own record.

Under the tutelage of Coach Cord Ehrhart the track and cross-country program has really grown. He relates well with the kids and teaches them how to take care of themselves to prohibit injuries. Coach Ehrhart also coaches cross-country.

Hayden makes sure he stays in shape by running all year around. He is very proud of the track and cross-country team and what they have accomplished this year.

This year the young cross-country team came runner up at GMC losing by one point against an older, more experienced team. Cross-country runs are 5K over rugged terrain. This year's team was the first to qualify for the Regionals since 1991. Hayden is looking forward to a good season next year.

After high school, Hayden, wants to go to college for Athletic Training.



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STAN & SUE ON THE ROAD

By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp

Sue and I went to the Antwerp Exchange Bank and interviewed Rob Eschbach, its president. It was an enjoyable trip.

Ron was born in Paulding in 1950. He did all his growing up right here in Paulding on a farm. His parents are alive and well and still live in Paulding. He started to school there in 1956 and graduated in 1968. He entered B.G.S.U. that fall and graduated in 1972 with a B.S. in Business Administration. I forgot to mention that there are two



boys and two girls in the family, all are alive and well. After graduation Ron started in the banking business at National Bank in Defiance. He was there about ten years. After

that he was Branch Manager of the branch in Paulding, he was there about two years.

He came to Antwerp Exchange Bank in 1984 where he worked with Principal Consumer Loans. Mr. Dan Schutt was President at that time.

Dan moved on in 1988 and Ron became President. He informed us that there is 13 full time employees and three part time.

There are five members on the board plus Ron. They meet twice each month, as they are able to keep abreast of things.

Antwerp Exchange Bank is the only locally owned and managed bank in Paulding County and the 230 shareholders and Board of Directors want to keep it that way. The bank has about 67 million dollars in assets.

I talked to Ron about a lot of topics. I think he always wanted to be a banker and he pointed his early education in that direction. He really appreciates the support he gets from all the Antwerp people and his faithful staff. They are true and dedicated workers. He says that in his staff of 16 people they total over 300 years experience in banking.

He didn't bring it up, but I know how well they support the school and park and all the events that townspeople put on. Ron says he has been blessed by coming to Antwerp. The logo of "We're

Family" is as true as it can be.

Antwerp Exchange Bank offers On Line Banking, Touch Tone Teller and has ATM's in the Mari-Mart's in Paulding and Payne, the Charloe Store and at the Bank.

Some History: In 1889 a bank was established by A.P. Murphy who was the cashier. In 1893 the Antwerp Exchange Bank was established and incorporated in 1898. At that time William Whitmer was Bank President, J.L. Doering was Vice President. H.K. 'Pat' Harris was Cashier and Mary Moore was assistant Cashier. The bank used to be in the Antwerp Pharmacy Building.

See, Ya!

LIBRARIAN FOR THE R.B. HAYES PRESIDENTIAL CENTER TO SPEAK

The next meeting of the Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will be June 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John United Church of Christ located at 950 Webster Street, Defiance. Webster St. is on the NE side of the Defiance College Campus and the Church is next to the college gymnasium. Non-members are very welcome and members are encouraged to bring guests. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

The speaker for the evening will be Rebecca Hill, head librarian of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, Ohio. The program topic will be Genealogy Resources at the Hayes Presidential Center. Rebecca has been employed at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center since 1984. Hill is a founding member of the Seneca County Genealogical Society, a lifetime member of the Wilson, New York Historical Society, a member of the Sandusky County Genealogical Society, and a former trustee and Fellow of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Her interest in genealogy developed in the early 1970s. From 1978 to 1998 she performed research for those interested in ancestors who lived in Seneca, Wyandot, Crawford, and Sandusky counties in Ohio. The Presidential center's website is <http://www.rbhayes.org>. Visit this site before attending the meeting in case you have questions about this wonderful Presidential Center and its genealogy resources.

The Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society's website is www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohdcgs. Note this URL is new, so please update your records. Questions concerning Defiance County ancestors may be sent to Defiance Co. Chapter OGS; P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture we have today is of the Maumee Valley Fish and Game club. This club was in Scipio Township in Indiana.

They held most of their meetings at the Scipio Community Building. That was just east of the Virgil Knapp's home and the building has been torn down. This picture was taken on March 10, 1945. We are indebted to Steve Knapp for this great old photo. We have made a diligent search to find out who these

men and boys are. We know all of them except the first boy in the bottom row. He is probably over 70 by now.

Bottom Row L-R: Unknown, Charles Thompson, Earl Polter, Ray Beerbower, Junior Scoby, Wayne Humberger, Tommy Mettert, Jack Mettert; Back Row L-R: Virgil Knapp, Mr. Zeemer, John Gustin, Jake Gustin, Elvin Fordham.

I have heard all kinds of stories about why this picture was taken. Some say that was a wolf they captured and some wild tales that was even worse. But anyhow, that club

was very active at that time. They do a lot of good for the wild life in the area.

A few years after this picture was taken in the 1950's a lot of those boys went into the archery sport. The Burrier Boys, the Thompson Boys and some fine fellows from Antwerp joined in on the sport.

I knew some of those boys because I traveled in Scipio Township everyday.

Again, I want to thank Steve Knapp for this old photo. It brings back a lot of memories.

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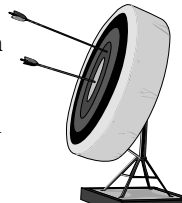
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RUPERT - KEIRNS



James and Cheryl Rupert of Van Wert would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Megan Joelle, to Bradley William Keirns, son of Richard and Julia Keirns, also of Van Wert. The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Van Wert High School and has just completed her freshman year at The Ohio State University in Columbus. She will be continuing her education at The

University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima. Her fiance is a 2006 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and is currently employed by the United States Navy as a nuclear engineer. He is stationed at The Naval Submarine Base in New London, CT. The wedding ceremony will take place at Calvary Evangelical Church in Van Wert on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

Book discussions, craft nights, and a Lady Bug Story Time highlight the week at the Johnson Memorial Library. Rather than sitting around bored on June 23-24, encourage your teens to visit the Johnson Memorial Library and get involved in the Metamorphosis Summer Reading Program. All of the programs are free, and supplies will be provided by the library. On Monday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m., the library will sponsor

a Spiderman Ductigami Mask Making event. The teens will create Spiderman masks with red, blue, and black duct tape. Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris will coordinate the Spiderman Night, which is open to fourth through twelfth grade students. At 6:00 p.m., the mask making will culminate in the showing of the first Spiderman Movie. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. "We will be using a digital projector to watch the movie on the wall of the library, so that means no more squinting at the movie on our tiny TV," emphasized Youth Ser-

vices Librarian Dustin Harris. "So please come join us for a night of 'web tingling' entertainment! And come back on June 30 and July 7 at 6:00 p.m. for the second and third Spiderman movies." On Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will host its monthly Knitting/Crocheting Group. The Knitting & Crocheting Group is free and is open to everyone interested in knitting or crocheting or anyone who is interested in learning the two crafts. Group members are encouraged to bring along the knitting or crocheting project that they are currently working on or a project that they would like to begin. The group will be facilitated by Teen Advisory Group Members and library volunteers Naomi Barkman and Natasha Tonneas.

Get caught up in red and black spots at the Johnson Memorial Library on Friday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. for the Lady Bug, Lady Bug Flay Away Home Story Time. The story time is free and is open to children three and up. "Come on out for this week's Summer Reading Program story time and Catch the Reading Bug," invited Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "This week it's a Lady Bug!" During the Lady Bug Story Time, there will be Lady Bug stories, activities, a movie, sing-along, and a Lady Bug craft. Upper elementary to junior high school students head back in time while the teens explore the future through the Johnson Memorial Library's June Book Discussion Groups. On Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m., the library will host its monthly teen book discussion group while the upper elementary Book Brunch Discussion Group is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m. Both book discussion groups are free, and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

The Book Brunch Discussion Group will go back in time on June 28 to just before the Civil War in Missouri to discuss Caught in the Act, the second book in The Orphan Train Adventure Series, by Joan Lowery Nixon. The book continues the saga of the Kelly Family with 12-year-old Mike's placement with a family that's more interested in free labor than a new member of the family. The discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood. On June 26, the teen book discussion will explore the future in Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card. According to the book cover, "Once again, the Earth is under attack. Alien "buggers" are poised for a final assault. The survival of the human species depends on a military genius... Is Ender the general Earth needs? Ender Wiggin is six years old when it begins. He will grow up fast." The teen book discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer and Teen Advisory Board Member Naomi Barkman. The library has ordered copies of the books for the discussions, so each group member may have a copy. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200.

HICKSVILLE MUSICAL LOADED WITH LOCAL CONNECTIONS

A world premiere comes to Hicksville July 11-13! Ten top tales and 12 new tunes put area history in a whole new light thanks to the creative talents of author/composer Daniel Cole. Having traveled the Antwerp Pike many times for practices with the Antwerp Band, Dan knew there had to be more to Route 49 than the numbers. When he found early Antwerp editorials scolding Hicksville girls for their nefarious means of attracting beaux, something clicked. HICKSVILLE! The Musical had just begun. A long time history buff, Dan's past jobs included managing the Huber Opera House where the show opens. One of the perks of the occupation was hearing stories about the area's past. Allen Hilbert in particular seemed to have the kind of research that inspired Dan to dig deeper. Hicksville's Historical Society website and James Battershell's 1975 Centennial Book added enough material to fuel dozens of possibilities. The challenge was assembling them into a manageable production that would entertain audiences. Ten stories in particular stood out, the first being 'Where in the world did you get a name like Hicksville?' (a question even Hicksville residents ask). A. P. Edgerton, Amelia Bingham, and Daeida Beveridge, all prominent achievers from the turn of the last century, were colorful figures just made for the stage. Stories of daily life emerged too, most of them funny, all of them inspirations for new tunes. "The Congenial Association of Matrimonial Candidates' tracks an early attempt at girl power, the kick off being an Antwerp-Hicksville debate. Roller skating is played for laughs as a shocked citizen appeals for order in the face of frivolity. Brushes with the rich

WAYNE TRACE BASEBALL AWARDS



Wayne Trace held its spring baseball awards recently. Special award winners are front row: Justin Davis, Ryan Davis. Back row: Ryan Snyder, Henk Akkerman, Riley Linder, Joe Morehead.

and famous from vaudeville to Las Vegas provide a scene laced with big show biz names. Attractions of a different sort are used in The Antwerp Pike endeavor where Antwerp seems like the end of the rainbow to the boys from the north charged with building the road. Hicksville Manufacturing adds some surprising sidenotes. This nearly accurate romp through time does have its serious and tender moments. The WWI heroes of Meuse Argonne are honored in song and video, and the touching Indian removal saga is based on stories from Dan's own family.

HICKSVILLE! The Musical, five years in the making, is getting its final polishing this summer with help from theater veteran Virlynn Rex, co-producer Sandra Brown, and Historical Society President Mary Smith. Dan and his crew have assembled a cast of fifty, live orchestra, videos, and roller skaters to bring the stories to the stage. Antwerp is well represented with Julie Hall providing choreography and Dave Lucas on skates. Some of the area's best performers, inventive staging, original music, and tales worth remembering make this one of the highlights of the Huber season.

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The program is available to children living in Paulding County and attending school, grades Kindergarten - 12th. Eligibility will be determined based on the 150% Monthly Federal Poverty Level for household size. You must submit income verification or last four pay stubs for all earned or unearned income in household.
(Verification will be returned.)

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL 2007-08

Fourth quarter honor roll

***High Honor Roll**
 Grade 4 - Brendan Bailey, Garrett Byers, Cole Castleman *Lindsey Charley, Jordan Grogg, Brooke Kinney, Ean Luker, Kaitlyn Miguel, Abigail Wilson, Hannah Berz, Maddie Bullerman, Kaitlyn Burns, Raechel Campbell, Alyssa Carlson, Lindsey Castle, *Kelly Collins, Brooke Gerig, Adam Hormann, Rebecca Lomont, *Mike Singer, Wil Stuckey, Kira Tucker, Michelle Krebsbach, Micah Allgeier.

Grade 5 - *Haley Badders, Chantey Baker, *Rebekah Dignal, Tynan Easterday, Joseph Felhofer, *Olivia Hostetler, Shelbi Kemp, Levi Lengacher, Brooke Romines, Ivan Valentour, Jazmine Williams, Morgan Miller, *Krista Estel, *Vickie Cook, Sam Berz, Allison Brooks, Savannah Funk, Chase Hunt, Erin Lortie, Kaleb Nelson, Alexis Spangler

Grade 6 - *Sidney Mumma, Brooke Gerbers, Dakota Gerig, Tyler Gerig, SunSee Herron, Tabi Hinrichs, Gena Oberlin, Connor Troyer, Cierra Elwood, Caleb Stieglitz, *Austin Brooks, *Jaclyn Delagrang, *Rachel Dial, Dan Foust, Morgan Franklin, Spencer Garstka, *Joey Hoot, *Haley Hostetler, Keri Koenig, Erika Kreilach, Alyson Miller, Burgundy Price, Josh Raber, Katelyn Ramer, Malinda Schmucker, Morgan Spencer, Kelsey Szajna, Autumn Voirol, *Emily Wagoner, Sara Woodcock.

***Brooke Gerbers was

omitted from 3rd quarter honor roll.

Second Semester Honor Roll

***High Honor Roll**
 Grade 4 - Brendan Bailey, Garrett Byers, Cole Castleman, Lindsey Charley, Brooke Kinney, Ean Luker, Kaitlyn Miguel, Abigail Wilson, Hannah Berz, Maddie Bullerman, Kaitlyn Burns, Raechel Campbell, Alyssa Carlson, Lindsey Castle, Kelly Collins, Brooke Gerig, Adam Hormann, Rebecca Lomont, Mike Singer, Wil Stuckey

Grade 5 - Ethan Basting, Doug Cook, Trevor Geiger, Haley Gunder, Olivia Hostetler, Shelbi Kemp, Jasmine Lifsey, Jayci Madden, Maddie Moore, Dakota Owens, *Krista Estell, Allison Brooks, Vickie Cook, Savannah Funk, Chase Hunt, Erin Lortie, Kaleb Nelson, Alexis Spangler

Grade 6 - Brooke Gerbers, Dakota Gerig, Sidney Mumma, Gena Oberlin, Connor Troyer, Cierra Elwood, Caleb Stieglitz, *Austin Brooks, *Jaclyn Delagrang, Rashel Dial, Dan Foust, Morgan Franklin, Spencer Garstka, *Joey Hoot, *Haley Hostetler, Keri Koenig, Erika Kreilach, Alyson Miller, Burgundy Price, Josh Raber, Katelyn Ramer, Malinda Schmucker, Morgan Spencer, Kelsey Szajna, *Emily Wagoner, Sara Woodcock.

All Year Honor Roll

Grade 4 - Brendan Bailey, Garrett Byers, Cole Castleman, Lindsey Charley, Kaitlyn Miguel, Abigail Wilson, Hannah Berz, Maddie Bullerman, Raechel Campbell, Alyssa Carlson, Lindsey Castle, Kelly Collins, Brooke Gerig, Mike Singer, Wil Stuckey

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Grade 6 - Sidney Mumma, Caleb Stieglitz, *Austin Brooks, *Jaclyn Delagrang, Rashel Dial, Dan Foust, Morgan Franklin, Spencer Garstka, Joey Hoot, *Haley Hostetler, Keri Koenig, Erika Kreilach, Alyson Miller, Burgundy Price, Josh Raber, Katelyn Ramer, Malinda Schmucker, Morgan Spencer, *Emily Wagoner, Sara Woodcock.

All Year Perfect Attendance

Grade K - Brandon Savor, Anthony Wickey, Riley Coil, Logan Palm

Grade 2 - Makayla Henderson

Grade 3 - Meghan Bair, Colton Stocksdale

Grade 4 - Kelly Collins

Grade 5 - Doug Cook, Olivia Hostetler, Jasmine Lifsey, Maddie Moore, Sam Berz, Vicki Cook, Dillion Slate

Grade 6 - Shanna Hastreiter, Audrey Lomont, Gena Oberlin, Elisa Schwartz, Sara Woodcock

LATTA JOINS HOUSE ENERGY ACTION TEAM

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) was recently invited to join the House Energy Action Team (H.E.A.T) which is a group of House Republican members dedicated to working towards common sense domestic energy policies.

Republican Whip Roy Blunt (R-MO), leader of the House Energy Action Team, made the following statement

welcoming Congressman Latta to H.E.A.T.

"Bob Latta hasn't been in Washington long, but he's already proven himself to be a valuable resource on energy issues—and a tireless fighter on behalf of folks in north-west Ohio battered by spiraling fuel costs. Because of that, I was happy to extend Bob an invitation to serve on our exclusive House Energy Action Team, and I was grateful that he accepted it. The American people expect and deserve an energy policy that takes genuine steps to reduce the price of gas - all while lessening our dependence on foreign, unstable countries for essential energy. Bob Latta understands that as well as anyone, and I look forward to working with him to help make sure everyone else does as well."

"I am excited to begin my work on the House Energy Action Team, and I want to thank Whip Blunt for the opportunity to serve with him and the other members of H.E.A.T on this important task force. Energy is the lifeline for our nation's economy and as prices continue to skyrocket, Congress must act in a timely and effective manner to lower energy prices. The time to act is now, and my colleagues on the House Energy Action Team have common-sense plans to lower our dependency on Middle Eastern oil while increasing domestic exploration and production. These actions, combined with a continued investment in alternative energy and energy conservation are the key to our nation's future energy policy. I look forward to advancing our Republican agenda to accomplish the goals of H.E.A.T," Latta added.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BUEHRER CASTLE DOCTRINE LEGISLATION

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland today signed Senate Bill 184, legislation sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) which affirms the right of every Ohioan to defend themselves and their family from violent intruders in their home. The bill also makes needed reforms to the state's concealed carry law to make it safer and easier for law-abiding gun owners to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

"This is an important day not only for gun owners but all Ohioans who want to feel safer in their homes and communities," said Buehrer. "After being thoroughly debated in the House and Senate over the past several weeks, the Governor signed a common-sense, bipartisan-backed bill this afternoon that takes an important step to strengthen self-defense rights in this state, while making it easier for lawful gun owners to exercise their constitutional rights."

SB 184 establishes Ohio's Castle Doctrine, a law built around the age-old belief that "a man's home is his castle" and he has the right to defend it and the people inside from harm. The bill shifts the "rebuttable presumption" from the victim to the criminal in a self-defense case, meaning if an intruder forcibly enters into a person's home and that person chooses to use force to protect themselves from harm, they would be legally presumed to be acting in self-defense. In addition, the



ROCK ON! AT THE LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is setting up Guitar Hero competitions throughout the summer. Library team member Heather Hunt tries out her rock music

skills in the youth services room. Guitar Hero is proving to be tons of fun for all ages. For more information on this new library program, call the Youth Services department at 419-399-2032.

proposal grants a victim civil immunity if it is proven that he or she acted in self-defense and prevents any person who is committing a felony or a misdemeanor crime of violence from seeking civil recovery.

"SB 184 ensures that Ohio law works to protect crime victims and not those who commit these violent acts," said Buehrer. "Passage of the Castle Doctrine is long overdue in Ohio, and I thank the Governor for his strong support of the bill."

SB 184 was also amended in the Ohio House to help clarify several provisions in Ohio's concealed carry statute that have placed an unintentional burden on lawful CCW license holders, while making it easier for police officers to enforce the law.

SB 184 will take effect in 90 days.

"RAISING GREAT KIDS" PARENTING CONFERENCE

Dr. John Townsend, national and international author and speaker will be presenting his exciting and informative parenting series, "Raising Great Kids", at the regionally acclaimed, state of the arts, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 State Route 118, Van Wert, Ohio on August 9. A prolife writer, Dr. Townsend has authored or co-authored eighteen books, and sold over four million copies, including the million best seller Boundaries. His confer-

ence will focus on principles that assist parents in developing positive character in their children. At the core of Raising Great Kids, is the issue of balancing love and discipline, through truth and grace.

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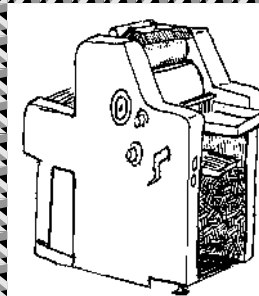
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COUNTY FAIRS

**By: State Representative:
Lynn Wachtmann**

This summer, families across Ohio will enjoy the warm weather while holding a picnic, visiting one of our state's amusement parks or traveling on vacation. In addition to these activities, a trip to the local county fair is an annual tradition for many Ohioans.

More than 90 county and independent fairs will take place across our state in the coming months. Here in our area, the Paulding County Fair begins June 17 and the Putnam County Fair runs June 24-29. Later on in the summer, the Henry County fair runs August 8-14, the Defiance County Fair runs August 16-23, and the Van Wert County Fair runs August 27-September 3. These fairs are more than just an opportunity to play games and see animal exhibitions and entertainment acts - they are a great way to show our support for the farming community and the many ways it contributes to our state.

Farming is big business in our state - Ohio has more than 75,000 farms that cover more than 14 million acres of land. Some of our major products include corn, soybeans, eggs and Swiss cheese. Our farmers do more than just put food on our tables, they are working together with business and industry leaders to develop new products that can be made from agricultural crops. Ethanol, an alternative fuel made from corn, is just one example of how our agricultural community continues to grow and adapt to the ever-changing economy.

Our agriculture industry also provides jobs. Here in Ohio, one out of every seven people has an agriculture-related job. These include farm production, agribusiness, wholesaling and retailing, and help provide the foods we eat and use on a daily basis. I encourage everyone to come out and visit the fairs at least once and browse through

the many booths, exhibits and craft displays and demonstrate our support for all those who are employed in some aspect of agribusiness.

Besides the food and entertainment aspect of our local fairs, another important part of fair culture is the exhibits and livestock shows that demonstrate the many skills of our young people. Ohio's 4-H clubs and similar organizations allow our youth to learn and hone their talents through raising livestock or similar projects. The experiences and skills these children learn while participating in these groups will serve them well throughout their lives.

Many of the winners at our county fairs will go on to represent our community at the state level in competitions held during the Ohio State Fair, which will be held July 30-August 10 at the state fairgrounds in Columbus. If you are planning on attending the state fair I would encourage you to go out and support all our local competitors and congratulate them for a job well done.

I hope everyone takes the opportunity to attend their local county fair this year and enjoy great food and other items produced right in their own communities. I enjoy visiting local fairs and if we happen to cross paths, please stop me and say hello. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like more information about upcoming county fairs, you can visit the following Web sites: www.putnamcountyfair.com; paulding.osu.edu/paulding-county-fair/; www.henrycountyfair.org; www.def-fair.com; and www.vanwertcountyfair.com. A complete listing of county and independent fairs for 2008 can be found at www.ohioagriculture.gov. You can also visit www.ohiostatefair.com for information regarding the Ohio State Fair.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. I can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760,

JR. LEADERS VISIT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS SUMMER CAMPERS

The 4-H Junior Leaders group recently visited summer camp at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool. They did a Father's Day craft with us, played games and sang silly songs. We had a great time! Shown here in front are summer campers: Ava Dougal, Ryan Rupp, Ema Shuherk, Sam Adams, Baylee March, Molly Adams,

Ethan Herman, Brody Fisher and Carson Rupp. Shown in the middle are Jr. Leaders: Brenna Dunham, Audrey Nice, Ashley Switzer, Stephanie Donaldson, and Spencer Wilhelm. Shown in back are Junior Leaders: Jessie Arnold, Taylor Vail, Chelsea Vail, Aaron Gross, Jesse Derck, Chelsy Shuherk, and Dakota Vogel.

by e-mail at district75@ohr.state.oh.us or by writing me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, District 75, Columbus, OH 43215.

GOVERNOR'S VETO OF CLONING BAN CREATES BAD PRECEDENT FOR OHIO

**Capitol Letters Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer**

For Ohio to compete in today's global economy, we must work to support cutting-edge research that leads to the development of new products and helps foster business growth in our local communities. However, these advancement should not be blindly pursued. Ohio should adopt parameters to restrict research that is dangerous and does not respect the sanctity of human life.

In October 2007, I introduced Senate Bill 174, legislation that would ban the immoral practice of human

cloning in Ohio. The bill not only prohibits this unethical research, but ensures that those who violate the law would face criminal prosecution and may be subject to stiff fines.

At the same time SB 174 was being considered in the Senate Civil Justice Committee, Senate President Bill Harris, House Speaker Jon Husted and Governor Strickland reached a compromise on a two-part, \$1.57 billion economic stimulus package. The first part of the package—House Bill 554—includes funding to complete needed infrastructure projects and strengthen the state's workforce, as well as provides money to support research and development efforts in biomedicine and other growing sectors of Ohio's economy. House Joint Resolution 5, the second piece of the two-part plan, would place an amendment on the November ballot to renew the successful Clean Ohio program.

As hearings continued on SB 174, several researchers came to testify in opposition to the bill, claiming it would interfere with their use of research dollars in the economic stimulus plan. Based on these comments, it is logical to conclude that some scientists in Ohio plan to use state tax dollars for the cloning and destruction of human life. Therefore, when HB 554 made its way to the Senate floor late last month, I fought to include an amendment that would block funds in the economic stimulus package from going to support human cloning in Ohio.

Unfortunately, before signing HB 554 this past week, the Governor chose to use his line item veto authority to remove the anti-cloning provision from the bill—a move that threatens important pro-life efforts in the state and sets a bad policy precedent for Ohio moving forward. I am extremely disappointed in the Governor's decision to veto such an important amendment that was crafted in a way to prevent the cloning and destruction of human life, without hindering promising research that could save lives and create jobs in the state.

Ohio should work hard to foster scientific research that

could spur economic growth. However, the cloning of humans is beyond the boundary of acceptable science and Ohio taxpayer dollars should not be used to support it or other questionable research. Despite the Governor's veto, I will continue my fight for a ban on human cloning in Ohio, while working to further other pro-life policy in the state.

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

WHEN YOU START YOUR "SPRING CLEANING" DON'T FORGET THE MAILBOX

It's time for spring cleaning - sweeping and vacuuming, moving your warm-weather clothes to the front of the closet and chest of drawers, checking the outside of the house to see if it needs repairs, painting, or general sprucing up.

While you're spring cleaning the house, don't forget to check on your mailbox. Neat, attractive, well-maintained mailboxes contribute to the overall appearance of the community and to the security of your mail. After all, your letters deserve a clean, safe place to stay, too.

Here are some helpful housekeeping tips for your mailbox:

—If your mailbox is mounted on a pole or post, check its stability and make sure it is properly anchored.

—Your mailbox identifies your address, not only for the letter carrier but for the police, the fire department, emergency workers, other service providers and visitors to your home. We recommend that you put your address on both sides of the mailbox, and that the numerals and letters be at least one-inch tall.

—Check the door and its hinges. Make sure it closes properly to keep your mail in and the wind and rain out.

—Do you see any sharp edges or nails sticking out? Protect your hands and those of your letter carrier by filing off dangerous points. Also sand and repaint or replace your mailbox if it's rusty - you don't want to have to get a tetanus shot, and neither does your letter carrier.

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MASONIC LODGE COOK-OUT PLANNED

Jim Kline opened the Lodge in due form and the Pledge was given. A get well card was sent to Hanson "Curly" Lilly expressing the Lodge's concern for his well being. Birthday cards were signed and sent to members Stan Applegate June 25, Garold Cook June 22, Marlin Miller June 25, Richard Todd June 19, Scott Ruppert June 13, and Fred Shaffer June 13.

The five Fifty-year members present were Derrill Kline, Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Estel Cottrell, Elmer Woodcox and Charles Carey. Other members attending and participating in degree work included Tim Betts, Dave Metz, Greg Wein, Ron Farnsworth, George Underwood, Terry Ayers, Tom Culler, Carl Clark, Raymond Gillespie, Dick Altman, Curtis Metz, Rick Evans, Grover Blalock, Richard Wann, Robert Stotler Jr., Lee Kallsen, Bill Metz and Jim Kline. Guests included Kenneth Crouch - Bryan Lodge #215, Walter Miller Concord Lodge #556 in Spencerville and Charles R. Murphy from Rossford, Ohio. All present at the meeting welcomed Hicksville's newest member, Ross Webb.

The main topic discussed was the Chicken Bar-B-Q. All the details have been completed and members were assigned to sell the Port-A-Pit Chicken. Kenny Crouch mentioned that Bryan Lodge #215 has a "High Twelve Club" that meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. The Centennial Parade will be conducted Saturday, June 21 in Columbus. Representatives from all Lodges in Ohio and their families will march to the Court House to simulate the laying of the original cornerstone. Any member wishing to attend and march in the parade should contact Jim Kline.

The "Going Dark Cook-Out" will be held at Tim Betts house on Jericho road on Wednesday June 25. Their will be a short special meeting at the Lodge at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to travel directly to the Cook-Out may do so. The meal will start around 6:30 p.m.

With no further business, the lodge was closed and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

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