

ARNOLD IS BACK: WRESTLERS MEET GOVERNOR/MOVIE STAR AT OURWAY



Wayne Trace wrestling club member, Hunter Long, shaking hands with Governor Schwarzenegger at the nation wide arena.

By: Dianna Clemens

Six young wrestlers from the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club had many wrestling fans asking the question, "Where in the world is Wayne Trace?" Hunter Long, Dillon Laney, George Clemens IV, Zaine Cotterman, Tyler Showalter and Aaron Miller all participated at the state level in the Our Way Elementary State Wrestling Finals held at the Columbus Convention Center. This tournament is apart of the huge Arnold Schwarzenegger Sports Festival.

The boys had a very long but exciting day. Five of the six Wayne Trace grapplers placed in the top 8 spots and received beautiful awards.

It was about midway through the tournament when the wrestlers got a big surprise. The "Terminator", Arnold Schwarzenegger himself walked out onto the wrestling mats. All action was halted while he addressed all the wrestlers. He congratulated each and everyone who

had made it to this level. He told them he knew the road to this tournament was not an easy task and to be here today showed that each one of them is a true champion.

A couple of Wayne Trace boys got a little something extra from Arnold. George Clemens IV got his autograph signed on his shirt and Hunter Long had a picture snapped of him and Arnold just about to shake hands.

After the full day of wrestling was almost over, it was then that all the wrestling fans were about to be presented with a spectacular show. The top eight remaining wrestlers in each Wt. Class were taken to a designated area under the arena. All lights were turned off and the Great Parade of Champions was about to begin.

The song, 'We are the Champions' blasted loudly, laser lights began flashing everywhere, huge sparking fountains were shooting high into the air.

With all eyes watching the large monitor that hung from the middle of the arena ceiling, out walked the best elementary wrestlers in the State of Ohio.

You can only imagine the pride the Wayne Trace fans felt when five little boys walked out on that floor proudly wearing the name Wayne Trace across their chests. Needless to say, there was a lot of tears streaming down some faces.

The five Wayne Trace Wrestlers that placed in the top eight spots were:

Hunter Long, 45 lbs., with four wins and two losses placed him 4th

George Clemens IV, 68 lbs., had five wins and one loss placing 3rd. His only loss was to the Wt. Class champion

Dillon Laney, 62 lbs., three wins and two losses placed 7th

Tyler Showalter, 105 lbs., three wins and three losses placed him 6th

Aaron Miller, 90 lbs, placed 8th

Zaine Cotterman, 86 lbs., just narrowly missed a top spot. He was winning his match 5-0 when the young grappler made a quick mistake and this cost him his match.

EDNA BRUNS OF WOODBURN TURNS 99

On Tuesday, March 24, 2009, Edna Bruns turns 99 years old. She will be at Bob's Restaurant in Woodburn from 5:00-7:00 p.m. that day. All are welcome to stop by and have dinner with her, refreshments, or just wish her a happy birthday.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL NEW BUS GARAGE OPEN HOUSE

The Antwerp School will hold an open house for their new bus garage on Monday, March 23, 2009 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. If you've driven by this addition to the school grounds and have been curious, be sure to come on out to the campus and have a look around.

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HONORABLE MENTION - Megan Koppenhofer, Antwerp 11; Kalyssa Bauman, Ayersville 11; Alexis Fritch, Edgerton 12; Kayla Bostater, Fairview 11; Krystal Smazenko, Hicksville 12; Lindsay Rohrs, Holgate 12; Ashley Meyer, Tinora 11; Jo Ellen Fickel, Wayne Trace 10

PARENT TRAINING SEMINAR TO BE AT W.T. JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

A Parent Training for Paulding and Van Wert Counties combined will be held Thursday, March 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School Lecture Hall. This special training will focus on the Individualized Education Program (IEP) form, and the Evaluation Tem Report (ETR) form just revised by the State of Ohio Department of Education. This is a very important, informational meeting that parents and caregivers of children receiving special services will not want to miss. Though there is no charge to attend this training, pre-registration is requested.

The presenter for this training will be Beth Rohrbacher, Ph.D, with the State Support Team Regions 1, Bowling Green, Ohio, and is sponsored by the Parent Mentor Grant. For more information or to pre-register, please contact Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, Western Buckeye, ESC, Paulding County, at cruiz@wb.noacsc.org or call Mrs. Ruiz at 419-263-2512 Ext. 454.

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The community room at the Cooper Community Library was recently turned into a posh Hollywood dining room with draped ceiling as the Event Planners hosted their 4th annual Chocolate Extravaganza. The event was sold out for two consecutive nights and some of the attendees walked the red carpet in their gowns and top hats. Guests entered the festively decorated room to find an elegant table setting, complete with chocolate dipped 'tuxedo strawberries' on their plates and a centerpiece with a plate of eight more chocolate goodies. Excitement rose each time the music got louder when guys in white shirts and red bow ties and gals in evening gowns would appear with another tray of chocolates. Thirty different types of chocolate were served over the course of the evening. Interspersed with the chocolate were drawings for prizes as well as some entertainment. Those attending Friday's event were treated to a song by Elvis, aka Mickey Kizer, as well

as an impromptu song by Chuck Moran who was celebrating his birthday with many friends. Seasoned guests were found with bags and boxes to hold the goodies, while newcomers soon learned they needed to pace themselves. Most went home with a full plate of chocolate, a full belly, and plans to attend again next year.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Greg and Rachel Parrett are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son, Lucas Gregory Parrett who was born on February 24, 2009. Luke was born at 4:16 in the afternoon at Dupont Hospital, weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. Luke's proud grandparents are David and Jackie Hyman and Tom Parrett. His great-grandparents are Juanita "Marge" Hyman and Donna Meeks.

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Robert O. Larson, 87, of Hicksville died Thursday March 12, 2009 at Hickory Creek at Hicksville.

He was born on March 7, 1922 at Fort Wayne, Indiana the son of Fred and Grace (Smith) Larson.

He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1940. He married Mary Hiner on August 15, 1942. He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran serving from 1942 - 1946.

He retired after (30) years of service as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Hicksville; and worked several years with his father at a Dodge-Plymouth Auto Dealership. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church where he served as a caretaker. He enjoyed golfing, snowmobiling, sports and driving cars for Noah Yoder Ford.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Linda (Keith) Stickan of Butler, IN; two sons: Larry and Bob both of Hicksville; grandchildren: Amy Larson of Florida; Douglas Blade and David Blade both of Indiana; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were March 14, 2009 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home - Hicksville with Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery - Hicksville with Military honors accorded by American Legion Post 223 of Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com

Bernadine E. Amaden, 84, of Hicksville died on Wednesday March 11, 2009 at Community Memorial Hospital - Hicksville.

She was born September 23, 1924 the daughter of Russell and Helen (Lake) Wade at St. Joe, Indiana.

She married Lee "Chic" Amaden on October 13, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1981. She was the manager of The Cellar - a youth cen-

ter in Hicksville and worked at McDonalds Hardware - Hicksville; and was a Defiance County Election Board Poll Worker.

She was a member of Hicksville First Church of Christ; charter member of Hicksville Eagles Auxiliary #2556; Hicksville Historical Society.

She is survived by three daughters: Judy Rapone of Leo, IN; Sue (Arden) Shanks of Hicksville and Lee Ann (Ward Cameron) Slesman of Hudson, NC; 22 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; a sister, Carroll Castator of Waterloo, IN; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Amaden of Yoder, IN.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Russell; and a sister, Ima Lee Spristersbach.

Funeral services were March 15, 2009 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home - Hicksville with Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery - Hicksville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation. Online guestbook and condolences is available at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Christopher P. Boesch, 46, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009 in Indianapolis.

He was born in Hicksville, on March 24, 1962, the son of Jay Boesch and Mary (Watson) Meyer.

Chris was a Journeyman Electrician, 20 year member of IBEW Local #305, three year member of the Antwerp Volunteer Fire Department, a 1980 graduate of Antwerp High School and an ITT graduate.

He will be sadly missed by his mother, Mary (J.D.) Meyer of Antwerp; daughter, Tovia; brothers: James of Cecil, Thomas of Antwerp, John of Tiffin and Spencer of South Bend, IN. His father preceded him in death.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on March 12, 2009 with

Rev. Joseph Allen officiating. He was laid to rest at Wiltse Cemetery, Payne.

Memorials are to his daughter. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Betty G. Yearling, 85, of Payne, was looking forward to seeing her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ when she passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Payne on March 24, 1923, the daughter of the late Elden and Blanche (Skinner) Gernhardt.

Betty was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church, Payne and the WELCA, where she participated in various bible classes, prayer groups, also teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She was also a member of the Gideons International Auxiliary. Having been finalist in the 1963 Pillsbury Baking Contest, Betty enjoyed creating new recipes and entering skill contests.

After high school she worked for an attorney in Paulding and did office work in Payne, until her marriage in 1942 to Carl E. Yearling, who died in 2000. They farmed together for 58 years.

Betty will be sadly missed by her daughter, Ann (Gregg) Kroen of Maitland, FL; son, Jack of Payne; daughter-in-law, Eunice of Payne; three grandchildren: Heather (Jamie) Hart and Kirsten (Brian) King both of Winter Park, FL, Jana Yearling of Payne; three great-grandchildren: Sydnie and Mackinley Hart and Madison King. Also preceding her in death was her son, Michael in 2006.

Her funeral service was at St. James Lutheran Church, Payne, on March 17, 2009. Rev. Joseph Allen officiated. She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Her family requests donations to The Gideons or the Church. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, Payne. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Leo Ralph Stiger, 72, of Paulding, died Sunday, March 15, 2009 at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima. A long time Paulding resident, he most recently resided at the Otterbein Retirement community in Cridersville.

He was born January 5, 1937, in Bradner, Ohio, the son of Harry and Mertella (Mathia) Stiger. On October 19, 1958, he married Nancy (Roe) Stiger, who preceded him in death on July 23, 1997. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who cherished his family and friends.

Leo was an educator in the Paulding School system from 1959 until his retirement in 1989. He served as head coach of the varsity football and track programs, passionately mentoring and leading young men. He was also a member of the First Christian Church, Paulding.

Surviving are three sons and three daughter-in-laws: Steven and Peggy of Oviedo, FL, Shawn and Nannette of Wapakoneta, and Shad and Kerri of Liberty Township, OH; and nine grandchildren. Also surviving are his mother-in-law, Helen Roe of Bowling Green; two brothers-in-law: Bertsel Roe III of Weston and Charles Roe of Bowling Green; two sisters-in-law: Kay Roe of Weston and Jane Stiger of Bradner; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death was his father and mother; and brothers: Harry and Morse; and sister-in-law, Irene.

Services will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 in the First Christian Church, Paulding, with Revs. Gregory Bibling and Bruce Williams officiating. Burial will be in the Weston Cemetery, Weston. Visitation will be one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to First Christian Church, Paulding; Church of Christ, Weston; St. Rita's Medical Center Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit; or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Jeffery A. Tustison, 44, of Antwerp, went to touch the face of God on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital.

He was born in Hicksville on May 1, 1964, the son of Junior and Beverly (Foreman) Tustison.

Jeff was a 1982 graduate of Antwerp High School, a former member of the Hicksville Eagles and had worked at the Wholesale House, Hicksville.

He will be sadly missed by his mother, Beverly of Antwerp; son, Joshua of LaGrange, IN; sister, Renee (Bob) McGough of Paulding; brother, Alan of Antwerp; half-brother, Rick Mack of Butler; granddaughter, Olivia; niece, Stepanie; nephews: Michael and Jordan; and many

aunts, uncles and cousins. Jeff was preceded in death by his father; grandparents: Frank and Eileen Foreman, Andy and Margaret Dotts; grandfather, Ellary Tustison; and Aunt, Shirley Camp.

Graveside services are at Maumee Cemetery, Thursday, May 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452 Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

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

SPRING CLOTHING GIVE AWAY AT MELROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, the Melrose United Methodist Church will have its Spring Clothing Give-Away. Anyone who needs clothing is welcome to come and get these free clothes. Anyone who is looking for something different for their wardrobe is also welcome to come find something.

Donations of clothing, including purses, shoes, hats, belts, and scarves will be accepted and can be brought to the church. All items must be clean with no rips or dirty spots.

Please make sure someone is at the church before leaving anything. Call Genevieve Noggle at 419-594-3411 for more information, for drop-off times, or to make an appointment to bring items.

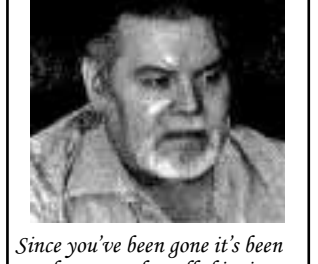
ONE HOPE EPHESIANS 4:4

By: James Potter, Oakwood church Of Christ

I am not going to give you the meaning of 'one' this time, but the word in Hebrew is 'ehad' and for Strong's Concordance the number is 259 and Greek the number is 1520 and the Greek word is 'heis.' Now, for our study on hope.

The word 'hope' comes from the Greek word 'elpizo' and is used as a verb or noun and the number to look at is 1680. The word 'hope' is used in, you might

In Memory of Richard Foust
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Since you've been gone it's been one long year, but all this time hasn't stopped the tears. Your time on this earth seemed all too brief, thinking of you smile gives us relief. We are thankful for the moments we shared and priceless memories too, for these memories are a comfort now, when we lovingly remember you.

—Sadly missed by your sisters...
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say, different ways, like, "I hope it will rain," or "I hope I can find a job," or "I hope my pregnancy will come to full term," and so forth. But let us look at what the Bible says about hope.

Without hope, one is miserable. Suicide is primarily caused by people seeing no hope for a bright future. But let the Bible speak about hope. Hope is a desire of some good with expectation of obtaining it, Acts 16:16-19; Notice this is a lady who was possessed with a spirit of divination who was being used by her two masters to make much gain in her soothsaying. Paul in verse 18 asks the spirit to come out of her and her master's saw the hope of their gains disappeared. Their hope was in something that won't last, using someone else to their advantage. The object of hope, the thing hoped for, please read Romans 8:24; Hebrews 7:19.

Hope is to anticipate, expectation, trust. As Christians we fully expect to receive God's promises for - He is faithful, Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 10:23. There is so much that can be said about hope, like life beyond death, I Corinthians 15:19; an entrance into the everlasting kingdom II Peter 1:11, and other things we hope for. Before I end this, the 'one hope' is based in God, I Peter 1:21; Christ, I Timothy 1:1; and the Gospel, Colossians 1:23. For Christians, or the righteous, there is hope, Proverbs 10:28; for those who are not Christians, the unsaved, there is no hope, Ephesians 2:12. If you have a concordance look at all the scripture verses about hope the Christians have.

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Know Your Bible
This is to let you know that the Know Your Bible correspondence course has been temporarily cancelled. Lonnie Lambert who is sponsoring this has had a heart attack and needed surgery, to fix the damage. He will be unable at this time to continue this study due to his recuperation after surgery. He just asks that you forgive him for this delay and he will be back to writing it as soon as he possibly can. Keep your eye on the West Bend News to see when the article will return as there is no set date.

PROVIDING FOR YOUR FAMILY

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Author Steve Farrar relates the story of a guy who once played basketball at UCLA for the legendary coach, John Wooden. UCLA had a lock on college basketball from 1964 through 1975. During that eleven-year span, the Bruins won the NCAA basketball title nine times.

This ball player was recounting his first day of practice under Wooden. Everyone was awed by the presence of this living legend, but they were completely shocked when he came into the locker room and spent several minutes showing these high school all-Americans the proper way to put on their socks and lace up their shoes.

They thought Wooden was nuts. They knew how to put on their socks and tie their shoes! They weren't a group of kindergartners; they were a group of talented college freshmen. Why would a legend like Wooden be concerned about socks?

The answer was simple. If a player gets blisters from socks that are not smooth or shoes that are not correctly fitted, then that player cannot play up to his ability. Wooden didn't overlook anything. Not even blisters.

Men are to provide for their families not just financially, but emotionally. That means that they work to prevent the emotional blisters that can develop as we chafe against other people. A successful man makes sure that there are no emotional blisters developing in the lives of his wife or children. He is there to smooth things out and to offer strong support. He is quick to let each member of his family know that they are important and valuable.

But if a man spends the vast majority of his waking hours during the week and on the weekend providing financially, the emotional needs of his wife and children will suffer.

All of us should continually be evaluating our own lives in terms of how we can be more effective as mates, parents and as human beings. Men are notorious at neglecting such self-evaluation. We do so at our own detriment and at the detriment of our wives, children and churches.

John Wooden was an effective coach because he paid attention to more than just the game of basketball; he even was interested in the way his players put on their shoes and socks.

As a husband and dad, are YOU concerned with such issues in the lives of those you love?

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A Get Sold on St. Jude Kids event benefiting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will be held at Porter Auction in May in Grover Hill, OH. The volunteer coordinator for this event is Mr. Rolland Porter, who encourage everyone to participate.

By participating in or attending the event, you will help raise funds for children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS, and Sickle Cell Anemia. These funds will help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas, and based in Memphis, TN,

St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund-raising organizations, through events such as Get Sold on St. Jude Kids.

We need your help once again to make this auction a success! Please contact us if you or your business will donate some items or goods. Gift certificates are always good if your business is a service. This will be our 13th Annual Auction benefitting St. Jude's. Over the past twelve years we have raised over \$62,000.00, with a lot of help from each of you.

HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Richard Wann opened Lodge and the pledge was given. Get well cards were signed and sent to Mildred Ringer, wife of the late Harold Ringer, Jim Moore, and Paul Culler. Birthday cards will be sent to Larry Brown March 21, Jim Corkwell March 20, Larry Haver March 14, Jim Massie March 20, and Clay Coleman March 16.

There were 14 Past Masters in attendance as well as six 50-year members which included Doyle Johnson (54 years), Gene McClellan (60 years), Dick Savage (50 years), Derrill Kline (59 years), Estel Cottrell (60 years), and Elmer Woodcox (53 years). Others in attendance were Tim Betts, Joe Stotler, Mike Villena, Lee Kallsen, George Underwood, Jamie Chapman, Walter Schilb, Ralph Brown, Al Cosey, Ron Farnsworth, Scott Ruppert, Steve Schilb, Jim Kline, Richard Wann, and Bill Metz. John Bassett, Randy Drake, Walter Miller and Tom Woods were visitors from Concord Lodge in Spencerville, Indiana.

Scott Ruppert reported on the public "Open House" which will take place at Hicksville Lodge on March 21 from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Joe Graves from Hicks TV said that the 12 minute Lodge presentation is now being shown twice daily.

A communication was read from Robert Boon Jr. of Cumberland KY thanking Hicksville Masonic Lodge for their contribution to their "Special Olympics" drive. Bob received \$2600 in pledges for his plunge into Lake Cumberland.

Walter Schilb reported that the Scholarship applications are now in the hands of the guidance counselors at Antwerp and Hicksville. It was determined by the Lodge to present two scholarships

to area high school seniors to be used for college expenses. These will be presented at their annual Awards Day ceremonies.

Roof donations are still coming in. Joe Stotler reported that the roof will be replaced this spring when the weather breaks. Nye Roofing has been contracted to remove the old roof and install a new rubberized roof over the entire 5700 sq. ft. He also mentioned that dinner tickets are now being sold for the Grand Master's Reception which will be held at Northwest State Community College in Archbold on March 28.

After the business was completed, Degree work was exemplified on the newest candidate. Richard Wann then closed the Lodge and all retired to the dining room for Suzy Kline's famous Ham & Bean Soup, Corn Bread w/ Honey, and White Chocolate Chip Cookies.

The next stated meeting will be Wednesday March 25. The Third Degree will be conferred. There will also be a Temple Board meeting on the same night at 6:30 p.m.

V.E.T.S. NEWS UPDATE

Spring is fast approaching and with it we have good news. Mr. Homier says the statue is cleaned and looking good! Now the repairs to him and the base are ready to begin.

New fund-raisers are being planned so that we have the necessary funds when the statue is finished. A meat and grocery raffle is being planned as well as a golf outing for May, a garage sale and cruise in for June and a Poker Run for July. 50/50 drawing tickets will be sold and run for several months with the drawing to be held at the Chamber of Commerce holiday parade. The idea is to have a really nice amount for some lucky winner to do their holiday shopping with! Also, by popular demand and many requests we will be ordering more "Taste of Freedom" cookbooks in April. If you would like to pre-order please contact any V.E.T.S. member or send your inquiry to the address below.

We are listing the most recent names we have been given documentation for and then next week we are going to begin listing all the names we have so far starting with the World War II Veterans (alphabetically). Jack A. Bickard, Gerald V. Seslar, David N. Miller, Gerald A. Snyder, Donald P. Cottrell, Terry D. Derck, Leon O. Miller, Larry K. Brinneman, Melissa A. Brinneman, Thomas D. Van Vlerah, Curtis D. Van Vlerah. For those of you who want to order cookbooks or send in documentation, our mailing address is V.E.T.S. MEMORIAL, PO BOX 742, ANTWERP OH, 45813.

WAYNE TRACE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS TO HOLD REVERSE DRAW

The Wayne Trace Athletic Boosters annual Reverse Draw will be held Saturday, April 4 at Wayne Trace High School. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the drawing will start at 7:00 p.m. For more information and tickets please contact Dave Elick at 419-263-2463 or the Athletic Department.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this letter as Chairman of the ACFCC (Antwerp Community Fellowship and Care Campus, fka The 'old' Antwerp School) and also as a member of the Antwerp community. Recently there was a Letter to the Editor concerned, and rightly so, about the future of the Otto E. Ehrhart Museum. This is not a current event. Let's back up a little, because I do not think that the general public is aware of the longevity of this project.

The City Council, as I have been informed, had asked that the museum be moved in March of 2005, four years ago. The Village is in need of the space that the museum currently occupied. The museum itself had been closed already. It originally was planned to move the artifacts to what was the Ehrhart Photo Studio. I believe once the building was inspected, it was found to be more expensive to renovate the studio building than was financially feasible, by all parties involved.

The A.C.D.C., led by Kirk Hopkins, was in on that potential move, offering man-

power to move the exhibits, to help refurbish the building, and do whatever was needed to keep the museum open to Antwerp residents and travelers, alike. A year later, at our October 2008 meeting, Kirk approached the ACFCC and Ohio Indiana Development Corp. and asked for our help in saving the Otto E. Ehrhart Museum, in whatever capacity we were able.

We offered then, and the offer stands to date, to help move to and store at our campus, and find a new facility to house whatever part of the museum's exhibits that are safe and salvageable. We sincerely want, as the A.C.D.C. does, to save this wonderful part of Antwerp nostalgia, for generations forward to enjoy.

In truth, the village has been patient in waiting for this much needed new space, and the Otto E. Ehrhart Museum needs a new home. A building large enough for visitors to come and view the ENTIRE collection, which now is not possible in it's small location. Much of the items at the current location are not in sight; stored in boxes, bags and drawers. Like so many others, as a child, I too, spent many afternoons after school in the museum. It was dark, crowded and hard to maneuver in, when more than a couple people were inside visiting. I would love to be able to take my children through the museum, in a different setting. Wouldn't it be awesome to have a new building designed exclusively for exhibiting the entire collection?! We are painfully aware that we will not be able to save the collection in it's entirety, as much has deteriorated. It is our hope, as it was in Mr. Seslar's editorial dated March 4, 2009 in the West Bend, that we can save as much of this unique collection as we are able and ensure it's future, while enhancing our village's efficiency with much needed room.

We welcome any help, encouragement, and prayers in this endeavor.

—Amy McCreery, Chairman, ACFCC

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By: **Ellen Williams, PEVS**

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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: "THE NITWITS" BY GLENN HUGHES

Are you ready for some humorous relief from the doldrums of winter? If you are, then you need to take note: Paulding High School Drama Department will proudly be presenting their 2009 spring production, a farce titled "The Nit Wits", by Glenn Hughes, with permission for the production through Baker's Plays. Performance dates are March 27 and 28 at 8:00 p.m.

The three-act comedy is set in the 1960's and centers on Tommy Winter, a young man whose parents have given him the responsibility of earning money to return to college in the fall. Faced with this challenge at a time when jobs are scarce, Tommy decides to advertise himself as a consulting psychologist for people who are afraid of losing their minds. He convinces his best friend, Steve, to help set up an office in his home while his parents are out of town. Before long, Tommy's "office" is swamped with some of the craziest, looniest, wildest half-wits ever gathered in one place. It takes all of Tommy's ingenuity along with Steve's help, to keep things under control once the parade of nit-wits comes rolling in!

The cast of characters includes: Isaac Porter as Tommy, Jacob Farr as Steve, Estee Jacob as Tommy's mom, James Hayner as Tommy's dad and Jessica Harpel as

the Winter's maid. Olivia Arend and Lizz Bradford play the rolls of Jean and Lou (Tommy and Steve's girlfriends). The roles of the patients are played by: Audrey Nice as Miss Constance Dinwiddie, James Young as Mr. Henry Short, Jared Renollet as T.T. Trumbull, Katie Kohart as Maude Middleton, Clint Vance as Bert Baxter, Jenna Gasser as Sallyjean Gould, Spencer Wilhelm as Milton Geer and Amanda Porter as Mrs. Madeline Short. Asylum guards are played by Jarrett Carr and Alex Knodel. Taylor Hatcher and Jack Meriwether play the parts of police officers. "Friends" attending Tommy's party will be portrayed by Samantha Habern, Danielle Smith, Aly Munger, Audra Phlipot, Lorelle Baker, Kelli Schlatter and Jared Ross.

There will be no reserved seating, but pre-sale tickets will go on sale during school hours in the high school office the week of March 23. Be ready for some hilarious fun provided by this top-notch cast.

L.A.W.G. A. ALL-STAR MEET

By: **Dianna Clemens**

The Lima Area Wrestling Coaches Association 2009 All-Star Meet was held at Columbus Grove High School.

Wrestlers from all around the area are chosen to be a member of either All-Star Team, the Independents or the W.B.L.'s.

Wayne Trace's 112 lb. Freshman, Kameran Clemens was asked to wrestle on the Independent Squad.

In the 112 lb. bout, Kameran won by a 4-0 dec. over Celina's R.J. Baker.

Other members of Kameran's team consisted of wrestlers from Columbus Grove, McComb, Bluffton, Delphos St. John's, Findlay, Cory Rawson and Lincolnview.

Wrestlers from Celina, Lima Bath, Elida, Wapakoneta, Van Wert and Lima Shawnee made up the W.B.L. Team.

The final team score was Independents 30, W.B.L.'s 28.

LOCAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS IN PAULDING COUNTY

Financial advisor Chris Johnson recently celebrated his 5th anniversary as the owner of Johnson Financial Management Services, LLC in Paulding. He is an investment advisor representative with FSC Securities Corporation. Although his office is local, Chris provides investment services for clients in 12 states.

The Paulding office started its affiliation with FSC Securities over 20 years ago through former CPA and local entrepreneur Bill Sinn and his wife Kate. After Bill's death the business was managed by Tony Stureman until Mr. Johnson purchased it in 2004.

"Much of the success I have enjoyed has been based on the groundwork laid by Bill and Tony over the past two decades," said Chris Johnson. "Our business has grown dramatically over the past five years thanks to referrals from clients and other local professionals. The real credit for our success goes to the many clients who have persevered during a very difficult time

for the markets."

FSC Securities is one of the largest independent broker-dealers in the United States. "When I purchased the Paulding, Ohio location I saw it as an exciting opportunity to bring world-class investment products and services to Northwest Ohio," Chris Johnson said. "The idea of bringing independent investment advice – free from the pressures of sales goals and quotas – to a rural community has definitely been well received."

Chris Johnson's background is not typical for a Paulding County business owner. He grew up in Illinois, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Bradley University, earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the prestigious Edinburgh Business School at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland, and co-founded his first company at the age of 26.

"People often ask how I ended up here," Chris said. "I suppose people think that I should be working in a larger city or on Wall Street rather than in downtown Paulding. I am here because of my wife. She has always considered Northwest Ohio to be her home. Now it has become home for me as well."

Chris' wife, Teresa, is originally from Edgerton Ohio. She was the Paulding County 4-H and Youth Development Extension Agent from 1996 until 2004. She currently holds the same position in Defiance County.

"It is amazing that Chris could do so well in a rural area like Paulding," said Roger Watercutter, FSC Securities Managing Financial Advisor for the district. "His success is tied to his knowledge, work ethic, and dedication to providing clients with the highest levels of service possible. He has been the top representative in my division for the last two years." Mr. Watercutter's division includes offices in Indiana and Ohio.

Despite the recent turmoil in the financial markets, Chris Johnson feels his office is well positioned for the future. "There are certainly a lot of nervous investors out there – and with good reason," he suggested. "Eventually the markets should recover. My office has the knowledge and ability to position clients for the future. I feel so blessed by the amount of trust many have placed in our office and in me personally. I look forward to many years of meeting and exceeding the expectations of our clients. As FSC Securities' logo states, we remain Uncommonly Committed."

FSC Securities' Paulding office is located at 115 North Main Street in Paulding Ohio. The phone number is 419-399-5568. Securities and Investment Advisory Services are offered through FSC Securities Corporation, member FINRA, SIPC, and a registered investment advisor.

CORRECTION

In last week's article about Payne Church of Christ's new minister, Dan Staifer, his e-mail address was printed incorrectly. The correct e-mail is dan@paynechurch.com. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might have caused.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS STUDY WINTER HABITATS AND PALEONTOLOGY



Miss Lightner's first graders at Oakwood Elementary created habits this winter. Pictured here is Kain Schwietzer with his jungle habitat.



At Oakwood Elementary, Miss Zachrich's second graders were paleontologists for a day. Using excavating tools, each student dug through the dirt to discover dinosaur remains. Here Alex Riethman and Jennifer Stahl are intently cleaning off their finds. (Amazingly, the "dirt" tasted like chocolate cupcake after the search was over.)

BUEHRER NAMED CHAIR OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION COUNCIL

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) yesterday was elected to serve as chair of the Ohio Workers' Compensation Council, a bipartisan group of legislators, employers and representatives for injured workers charged with reviewing the effectiveness of Ohio's workers' compensation system and assisting the Legislature, the Governor and other public officials in crafting workers' compensation policy.

"An efficient and cost-effective workers' compensation system in Ohio is not only critical to meeting the needs of the state's injured workers but also our state's ability to attract business development, create and retain jobs and grow our economy," said Buehrer. "I am honored to have been chosen for this very important position, and I will work with my colleagues

on the council to ensure the state's workers' compensation system is responsive to the interests of both workers and employers in Ohio."

The Workers' Compensation Council was created in House Bill 100 during the 127th General Assembly, as part of a larger package of reforms to Ohio's workers' compensation structure. Sen. Buehrer was appointed by Senate President Bill Harris to serve on the council due to his position as Chair of the Senate Insurance, Commerce & Labor Committee.

"I would like to thank President Harris for the opportunity to have a significant voice in the future direction of Ohio's workers' compensation system," Buehrer added. "The work of the council in partnership with the General Assembly, the Governor and other leaders over the coming months will not only impact workers and business owners but the health of Ohio's economy as well."

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SHOOTINGS AT THE OK CORRAL

By: Stan Jordan

Reams of paper have been written about this gun fight. I have a lot of information about that stretch, how many hours were involved and so on. But I'm going to tell it to you like I understand the happenings, as factually as I can.

The Clantons had been drinking all night and morning and causing all kinds of trouble for the Earps along with a lot of insinuations and threats of bodily harm to them.

He had with him Billy Clanton, Frank and Tom McLaury, Billy Claiborne and Sheriff John Behan. Clanton and The Cowboys had Sheriff Behan in their pocket, he was on the take, so to speak.

On the Earp's side was Marshall Virgil Earp and Morgan Earp who were paid full-time lawmen. Wyatt was a temporary deputy with not much power. Doc Holliday who was a good friend, wanted to be in the fight. The Earps needed and wanted him also.

If you wanted, you could just say all these people wanted to fight, to have a showdown because they all hated each other and probably with good reason.

Virgil Earp was the only one of these participants who had any experience in gun fighting. He was in the Civil War. Some of the others were in altercations but not of this size.

I don't know if they walked down Fremont Street like the movie shows, but I know Holliday did have on a long coat and he carried a sort of sawed off shotgun under his coat. It was a cold day with a skiff of snow on the ground and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ike Clanton, brother Billy, Frank and Tom McLaury, Billy Claiborne along with Sheriff Behan walked forward toward the Earp's gang. It was in the empty lumberyard close to the OK Corral. I guess the sides were at very close range and Virgil Earp commanded the Cowboys to

"Throw up your hands." He immediately heard a couple clicks behind him from the hammers of Morgan and Doc. Then he shouted, "Hold it! I don't mean that!" Almost immediately the firing started. The first two shots sounded like one. Later some people said that the first shots came from Doc and Morgan. Wyatt would later testify that the first shot was his as he shot Frank McLaury in the stomach and the other shot was as Billy Clanton shot at Wyatt.

The next shot was Tom McLaury hit Morgan Earp in the back. Then Tom turned to run and Doc Holliday fired his shotgun, both barrels, into Tom McLaury's side. He went a few feet and fell dead. Doc threw aside the shotgun and drew his six guns.

The fighting continued with Billy Clanton and Frank McLaury both wounded but still firing. One of them hit Virgil in the calf. Frank and Doc squared off and Doc got hit in the left hip but his holster deflected most of the power of the shot.

The firing continued with both Doc and Morgan firing at Frank. Both claiming they fired the killing shot.

The shooting kept up until Billy Clanton finally went down with a shot in his breast. He was crying out for more cartridges when he died. Virgil thinks he fired the fatal shot.

Folks figured that about 30 rounds were fired in about 18-20 seconds and the killing was over.

In the middle of the fray, Ike Clanton hollered that he was unarmed and Wyatt said to "get out or get to firing." Billy Claiborne also claimed he was unarmed and left the scene. Whether these men were unarmed or not is still debatable.

On The Cowboys side three men were killed: Frank and Tom McLaury and Billy Clanton. On the Earp's side, Morgan had been shot through the back near the shoulder blade and Virgil had been shot through the right calf.

Following the battle there was an inquiry hearing about the Earp's, a lot of testimony and hair splitting on the legality of the Earps. Many accusations and even fabrications of the truth according to whose side you were on. You see, most people backed the Earps, but a lot of the town folks and businessmen liked The Cowboys. At the end of the Spicer Hearing the Earps were acquitted. This didn't set well with the Clantons or The Cowboys.

A few weeks after the hearings, Virgil Earp was shot by some hidden assailants at night, wounding him in the right arm and it was rendered useless from then on.

Then three months later, Morgan Earp was murdered by a shot in the back from some men hiding outside in the dark.

After these incidents, Wyatt and Doc and several friends went on what was called Earp's Vendetta Ride. They took a few weeks and lived in The Whetstone Mts. And chased down and killed everyone who was suspected in the shootings of Virgil and Morgan.

After the Vendetta Ride, which some folks claimed was nothing short of murder, the Earp Gang split up.

Doc Holliday died of TB in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Virgil Earp served as a Town Marshall in Colton, California. He served very well even though his one arm was useless.

Wyatt Earp traveled over the country as a professional gambler. He spent a lot of time with the movie makers. He died of infection in 1929 at the age of 80.

Johnny Behan never got re-elected for Sheriff of Cochise County.

Billy Claiborne got shot by Frank Leslie in the streets of Tombstone following an argument.

Some people still take sides in this affair just like the Civil War.

See Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

I wrote a column a couple weeks ago about Wild Bill Hickok, one of our colorful characters of the old west.

The next day I received a phone call here at the WBN. I answered it and he said he was Bill Hickok! Well, I thought one of my friends was pulling a joke on me, but after a few moments I realized we do have a Bill Hickok living in the area. Well, I have talked to him a couple times and he is an asset to our community.

He was born in Flint, MI in 1965. His father worked for General Motors and they moved to the Denver area. Bill went to the first seven grades of school at Commerce, Colorado. Then his folks moved back to Walled Lake, MI and Bill graduated from there.

He enlisted in the Army in 1983. He married Cynthia Robbins and they have one daughter, Kristen, who attends AHS and is very active on the volleyball court.

Some of William's family live in the Denver area and some have moved to Arizona. He says he is a fifth cousin four times removed from the Hickok's of that time. Wild Bill never married and didn't have any children, but his brothers and sisters did and one of 'this Bill's' sisters is

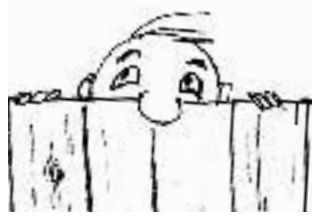
pretty deep into the genealogy and family tree.

William served his country for over 20 years, having been in the first Gulf War. He retired as a Captain in the Military Police in 2004.

He is employed by the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. He is a very interesting fellow to talk to.

I know this is only sort of a thumbnail sketch of our Bill Hickok but I will do better next time.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Farmer Joe Brown wanted to get out of the hog business because he was a little older now and raising hogs took a lot of time and energy. So he called a man he knew that had an 18 wheeler cattle hauling rig.

So they loaded his truck to capacity and he told the farmer, "OK, that's all."

Mr. Brown said, "No, we got one more here!"

The driver said, "No, I'm loaded, I can't haul anymore!"

"Do you mean you're going to leave me with one hog? I want to get clean out of the hog raising business!"

"Well, I can't take anymore because of the state load limits. If I get caught at the road scales and I'm overweight it will cost me more than I will make on this load. Besides, they will impound my rig. I will unload this truck before I will take on that other hog."

The old timer said, "OK, take that load back and go and leave that lone porker here with me."

The lone pig had the run of the whole lot. He had all that food to eat and put on weight. They couldn't pay to have one pig hauled away and he became a family pet and they couldn't butcher him. This went on for years and the pig became enormous. He was so big his fame became known far and wide and many, many people drove many nights to see the huge porker.

To see the pig, the cars drove by the kitchen window to the barn. All this traffic everyday just ruined the wife's nerves and she got down sick and in bed from all this action.

Because of all this, the farmer put a big sign out in the yard:

"Since my wife is down sick in bed, I wish you wouldn't come and see the big hog."

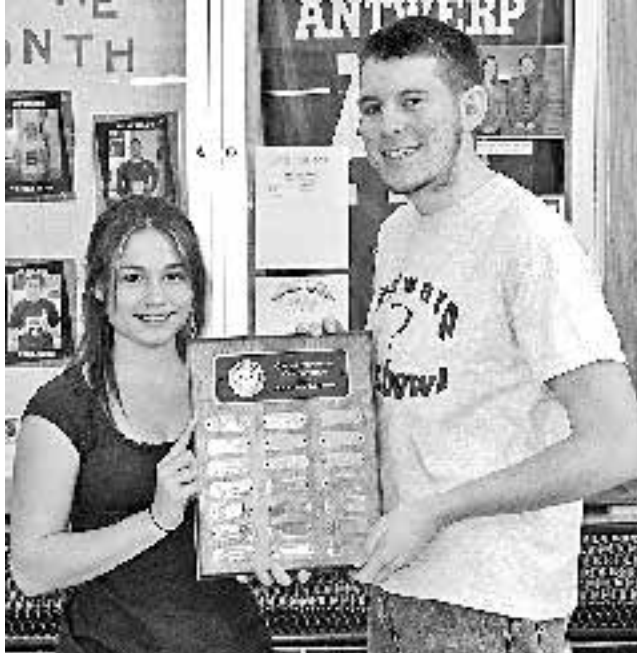
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PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES NOW FORMING

Adult men's, women's and CoEd leagues are forming at Reservoir Park. Men's league is open to any men, church or industrial teams. Play on either Tuesday or Thursday nights. Women's league will play every Wednesday. CoEd will play Monday or Friday. Leagues will run from May to August.

There is a meeting on April 1 at Red Owl Inn at 7:00 p.m. To get your team signed up contact Ron at 419-399-2981.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL TAKES LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Antwerp High School quiz bowl team, under the leadership of Mrs. Deb Altic, captured the 2009 Green Meadows Conference league championship. The Archers, who finished 10-3 during the

regular season, have now won back-to-back regular season GMC titles. Shown above are this year's captains, junior Alyssa Skeens and senior Andrew Jones, holding the championship plaque.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING NEWS

By: Dianna Clemens

None of the three wrestlers from Wayne Trace will be making the trip to the state finals in Columbus.

Katie Clemens, 103 lbs., Kameran Clemens, 112 lbs. and Cody Stahl, 145 lbs., each ended their wrestling season this past weekend during the District Tournament held at Kettering Fairmont High School.

Starting out in first round action on Friday night, Kameran won his match by easily defeating Paul Slater of Summit Co. in a fall of 1:26.

Cody followed right behind by winning his bout in a time of 1:10 against Jake Richardson from Clinton.

It was in round 2 that bad luck fell on the two Wayne Trace wrestlers. Kameran lost an 18-6 dec. to Miami East's Chris Heiss and Cody was pinned by Cody Washington from Carlisle.

When the tournament resumed on Saturday, Kameran

and Cody both came back and won their matches. But in the next round neither boy could pull off that all important win to keep on advancing and in this round both wrestlers finished their season. The quest to Columbus would have to wait another year.

Katie Clemens was defeated in both of her rounds on Friday night.

"It just felt so good to be here," said Kameran. "It took so much hard work to get here and now I know it takes a lot more hard work to make it to state. I couldn't have done this without my dad," he continued. "If it wasn't for him I could never accomplish all I do. Thanks, Dad, I love you and I'll be back next year."

Teammate Cody Stahl added, "This has been so exciting. Now I know what it takes to make it over the top. I'm going to work harder than ever and next season I'm gonna make it."

"It was really neat to be the first girl from Wayne Trace to advance to the district level," commented Katie.

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PAULDING COUNTY AGRICULTURE SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES FROM 11/12/08

On November 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. the senior fair board meeting was called to order with 12 members present and guests Heather Parrett, Tina Kesler, Steve Hammon, Jeff Miller, Jeremy Dasher, Jim Munger, Jared Deatrck.

Motion to dispense with regular order of business and go to guests. Lonnie 1st, Mike J. 2nd. Motion passes.

Jim Munger - Director of the tractor pull assn. for Fall Festival. Interested in a place to hold a tractor pull during fair. We pay for scale and sled, sign up help. Pull tractors before trucks, need squad and fire truck, shut off gate at track, advertise, tower lights can be rented for \$150 a day. Also reconsider having antique tractors.

Jared Deatrck is the president of the junior fair board.

Secretary's minutes read. Motion to accept as written. Steve 1st, Mike J. 2nd, motion passes.

Treasurers' report given. Motion to accept. Susie 1st, Michele 2nd, motion passes.

Year in review: Sonya - Horses - Colt give away went well, will do again. Pavilion - change entertainment. Lonnie - 2 nights of harness 2009, try band nite again, no demo derby, livestock sale went well, harness went well. Senior Day went well, Grange displays were down, midway - do not double food, need more time to pick up tags. Mike J. - Truck pull went good for the first one. Bill - Swine show okay, kids enjoyed trophies. Mike W. - open sheep show, hard time getting sponsors. Sue - camping, need to mark areas, need in book. No kids allowed in the arena. Ellie - Ride company were enjoyed can book for \$8,000.

Motion to go with ride company for 2009. Lonnie 1st, Bill 2nd, motion passes. Fairbook - need to get it out early. YLB - Compressor needs to be replaced, \$1200, AEP will check if there is a surge problem.

Motion to close 2008 Fair pending annual report approved. Mike J. 1st, Sonya 2nd, motion passed.

Oath given to all elected officers. Nominations opened for directors: Nominate Steve Hammon for Paulding Twp., Sue 1st, Carina 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations, Lonnie 1st, Mike J. 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Nominate Jeremy Dasher for Jackson Twp., Steve 1st, Lonnie 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations, Lonnie 1st, Mike J. 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Nominate Jeff Miller for Paulding Village, Steve 1st, Sonya 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations, Sonya 1st, Carina 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Nominate Tina Kesler for Washington Twp. Steve 1st, Kristy 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations, Bill 1st, Carina 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Nominate Heather Parrett for Benton Twp., Steve 1st, Kristy 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations, Sonya 1st, Steve 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Oath given to newly elected directors.

Nominate Sue Deatrck for secretary, Lonnie 1st, Steve 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations for secretary, Carina 1st, Sonya 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Nominate Ellie for President, Lonnie 1st, Steve 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations for president, Carina 1st, Susie 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Nominate Bill for Vice President, Sonya 1st, Carina 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations, Carina 1st, Steve H. 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Nominate Carina for treasurer, Steve H. 1st, Steve S. 2nd, motion passed. Motion to close nominations, Steve S. 1st,

Steve H. 2nd, motion passed. Vote: yes.

Nominate Tina Kesler as marketing director, Steve S. 1st, Lonnie 2nd, motion passes.

Convention - Nominate Lonnie as delegate, Susie as alternate. Steve S. 1st, Jeremy 2nd, motion passed. Senior Fair will pay for the luncheon. 2 @ \$29.00.

Motion to let Wrestling Club use blue youth bldg. Steve H. 1st, Mike J. 2nd. Motion passed.

Mike M. talked to three insurance companies. We are getting a good deal.

Tentative Fair dates; June 16, Tues, Tug-A-Truck, June 17, Wed, Harness, June 18, Thur, Harness, June 19, Fri, Tractor Pull, June 20, Sat, Truck Pull. Motion to set tentative schedule. Steve H. 1st, Mike J. 2nd, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn, Steve H. 1st, Carina 2nd, motion passed.

Next meeting: December 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Deatrck, Secretary.

PAULDING COUNTY AGRICULTURE SOCIETY SENIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES FOR 12/10/08

Members present: Ellie Townley, Susan Deatrck, Carina Meyer, Sonya Yenser-Hammon, Bill Deatrck, Mike Workman, Mike James, Steve Sukup, Lonnie Miller, Susie Miller, Kristy Bradford, Michele Porter

December 10, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Leadership building.

Meeting called to order by President Ellie Townley. Roll call taken with 17 members present. Guests Jared Deatrck, Jim Lopshire, Mike Zuber, Doug Nutter, Mary Burt.

Motion to dispense with the regular order of business and go to guests. Motion passed.

Doug Nutter - Paulding Progress, would like to print the Fairbook for 2009, gave deadline dates.

Mary Burt - Putnam Sentinel, would like to print fairbook for 2009, gave deadline dates. Board will make decision and let them know.

Jim Lopshire - received funds for 2009, program assistant application approved, deciding whether to put on the ballot a levy for OSU extension.

Jared Deatrck - Junior Fair board president, went over fair schedule. Balance of \$9047.87.

Nominate Mike Zuber to director at large. Motion passed.

Secretary's minutes read. Motion to accept as written, motion passed.

Annual report is finished. Motion to accept annual report. Motion passed.

Ride company contract, payment 1/2 Tuesday of Fair other 1/2 on Thursday. Motion to sign ride contract. Motion passed.

Budget - cut down on golf carts, just utility and limo.

Letters to county commissioners and youth building committee, splitting the electric bill fees. Motion to send letters, motion passed.

Rabbit breeders assn. wants to have an open show, June 21, 2009.

Motion to address their concern at a meeting and we will give them a board decision. Motion passed.

Motion to go with Progress for the 2009 Fairbook. Motion passed. Thank Mary for her service for the past few years.

Need bill for commissioners for damages for Fall Festival.

Motion to pay secretary and treasurer. Motion passed.

Motion to let Chad Molitor mow in-field for hay. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next meeting, January 14, 7:30 with Junior Fair board.

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CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2009

Mayor Hoepner consulted with the City Attorney concerning the stumps placed in the alley. The stumps were moved to the residents property; they will be removed if moved back to City property. A registered letter was sent to the resident.

Mayor reported on a letter from Schmelker Engineering stating: if we borrow 1 million dollars for sewer repairs at 4% at a 20 year payoff it will raise all users utility bills \$10.90 monthly, at a 40 year payoff it would raise bills \$6.86 monthly. Jim Lauer placed the advertisement accepting bids for the water line repair; sealed bids will be opened February 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. Mayor reported we may get back 25% of incurred cost for storm damage removal. Council approved to pay Arnold Gerbers the same as last year and thought it was \$75.00, Lesa checked into and he was paid \$90.00. Councilman Clegg made 1st motion to pay \$90.00, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor read a letter from a resident on Becker Rd; he would like repairs done to the street.

Mayor stated, when weather permits, he would like maintenance to fill the hole. Mayor reported NIRCC sent a copy of the work they did on the grant writing; along with the information they included an additional bill. Councilman Reichhart will contact them to negotiate the cost. Mayor reported Municipal Week is May 11-15, he suggested having an open house at City Hall and inviting the public to observe a council meeting. Mayor would like Council member to attend a meeting with the Milan and Maumee Township Trustees to discuss eliminating the Trustee positions. Mayor stated a business owner is asking to use the back of the burn pile on Tile Mill Road. He tore down the old USW Hall and planned to burn on his property; due to the bad weather he cannot get back to the property. He will burn, dig out, put a 6 foot drain in, and gravel the entire area. Councilman Reichhart made 1st motion to approve pending agreement in writing, 2nd by Councilman Clegg, Councilman Reichhart, Zimmerman, Norden and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Mason voted no, motion passed.

Minutes were presented; Councilman Mason made 1st motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman, all agreed, motion passed. Payables were presented; Councilman Mason made 1st motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Norden, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa reported there have been numerous calls asking if the City will be picking up anymore limbs from the ice storm. Mayor would like an article put in the paper announcing one last pick up. Councilman Reichhart suggest bring Pfister's back to do some tree trimming.

Councilman Reichhart recieved a complaint about the compost pile at a home on Main St. He feels it looks good and we shouldn't do anything. Councilman Reichhart and Mayor met with a representative from Wayne Manufacturing to discuss new Christmas decorations. The Lions Club has agreed to donate \$500.00 toward repair or replacement of decorations. The Chamber of Commerce stated at their meeting they would like to see new decorations for Main St. Councilman Reichhart reported we would need 14 to go from Dollar General to City Hall. Repairing options are a bell or lantern; replacement option is a 6ft christmas tree. The tree has a double hook bracket which can be used to hang street flags. Councilman Mason made 1st motion to purchase new decorations for Main St, Bull Rapids and 101; pending Council's approval of the christmas tree that is being shipped, 2nd by Councilman Clegg, Councilman Clegg, Zimmerman, Reichhart, and mason voted yes. Councilman Norden voted no, motion passed. Councilman Reichhart would like to purchase a shed for the kids from the Lutheran school to use while doing the Saturday recycling. He presented a flyer on a 8 x 7 1/2 vinyl building for \$897.00; it would need a foundation built and need to be anchored. Councilman Clegg will check prices at other stores.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Minutes Submitted by Lesa Meadows.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FROM 2/25/09

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Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk Tony Zartman, Absent

Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 155907 through 155930 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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TO: 001-004-00008/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Workers' Comp
Amount: \$412.50

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-004):
BE it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:
FROM: 001-004-00005/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Allowances
TO: 001-004-00009/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Medicare
Amount: \$362.50

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-016):
BE it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:
FROM: 001-016-00006/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Utilities, Phone
TO: 001-016-00016/General Fund/Commissioners Buildings & Grounds/AEP Balance New Jail
Amount: \$17,961.60

In The Matter Of Paulding County Economic Development Tax Incentive Review Council:
BE it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the recommendations concerning the county's Enterprise Zone Agreements and Community Reinvestment Area Agreements as presented by the Paulding County Economic Development Tax Incentive Review Council.

In The Matter Of Authorizing The Director Of The Department Of Paulding County Job & Family Services To Contract With Centennial For Cellular Phone Service:
BE it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services to enter into a contract with Centennial for cellular phone service for the agency.

Audit Committee Meeting:
This 25th day of February, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners: Tony Burkley, and Edward Straley, met with members of the Audit Committee: Carol Temple, County Recorder; Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts; and Travis McGarvey, County Engineer.

The Permissive Sales and Use Tax 2009 report and the Sales Tax Monthly Breakdown report were distributed for review. Sales tax received in February '09 was down 23% from February '08 and down by \$13,648.81 from last month. Motor vehicle tax was down 56% from February '08 and \$7,715.01 below last month. Both sales tax and motor vehicle tax revenue are down from the three-year average. Ms. Waldman noted that the purchaser's county of residence receives the vehicle tax when the vehicle is purchased in Ohio; however, 100% of the title fees are retained by the county the title in which the title is transferred. She also reported the Ohio legislation currently has a bill on the table that would increase the title fee to \$5.00 to \$15.00. This would generate more revenue for the title office.

General Fund Receipts and Expenses reports were reviewed. Receipts are down 17% from January, 2008, and expenses are down 18.4%.

Discussion was held on Paulding County's industry trend.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:
Corey Walker, DJFS - Mr. Walker asked for approval to switch to Centennial phone service for the Department of Job & Family Services.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer; Otto Gerdeman, GNG Services; Roberta Acosta, RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Program); Gene Sheets, Mayor of Cecil - Mr. Gerdeman introduced Roberta Acosta. Ms. Acosta explained the services RCAP can offer the county. She explained the services are federally and state funded and most are at no cost to the county. RCAP offers assistance in applying for funding for infrastructure projects in the form of grants and low-interest loans. RECAP also offers free training for utility management, available in the fall. Ms. Acosta explained the various grants and loans available for the US 24/SR 127 sewer project. She distributed a spreadsheet of all available grants and loans with eligibility criteria and due dates listed. Ms. Acosta and Mr. Gerdeman expressed the importance of having a time schedule for the project. Applications for funding must be completed and filed in a timely manner and in specific order. Mr. Gerdeman advised he will copy

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

With temperatures reaching 60 plus degrees this past week, spring will soon be here. But, we all know that we are still in winter and that as quickly as it gets warm on a winter day, it will just as quickly turn cold again. So what is a gardener supposed to do when they are just itching to get outside? Well, now is the time to plan for the coming growing season.

Rosie Lerner, Extension Consumer Horticulture Specialist at Purdue, suggests a stroll through garden catalogs with all their promise of gardening to prepare for the growing season. She has put together a list of a few new seed company offerings for 2009 to review below. Each letter following the explanation identifies the company seed catalog with the new variety.

Basil 'Cardinal' is a strikingly handsome addition to the herb garden, with spicy, fragrant foliage crested by tightly packed clusters of deep cardinal-red flowers, resembling Celosia. Plants reach up to 2.5 feet in height. (B)

Beet 'Chioggia Guardsmark' has striking, alternating spiral stripes of bright magenta and white, forming a bull's-eye when cut in cross section. Promising sweet, mild flavor, hybrid vigor and large, 3-3.5-inch globular roots. 60 days. (P)

Cabbage 'Caraflex' is a unique, pointy-headed compact early selection. Cucumber 'Iznik' is a new hybrid "lunch-box"-sized cucumber, reaching just 3-4 inches long. Plants are compact vines with small leaves, perfect for container and raised-bed gardening. (C)

Eggplant 'Gretel' is a follow up to the 2008 award-

winning 'Hansel.' 'Gretel' is the earliest of the white eggplant, bearing clusters of glossy mini-fruit (3-4 inches). 'Gretel' plants are relatively small, about 3 feet wide and tall, making them well adapted to container gardening. 55 days. All-America Selections 2009 (Jo, P)

Watermelon 'Snack Pack' is a "personal-sized" watermelon of 3-4 pounds, about the size of a large muskmelon. Thin, dark green outer rind surrounds a bright red, crisp and juicy, seedless flesh. 75 days. (B)

Melon 'Lambkin' was selected for its early production of outstandingly sweet, aromatic, white, juicy Christmas-type melons. Each oval-shaped fruit weighs between 2-4 pounds with a thin yellow skin with green mottling. Ready for harvest up to a month before other Christmas-type melons. 65-75 days. All-America Selections 2009 (Ju, P, S)

Melon 'Twice As Nice' is a new sort of dual-purpose melon. You can harvest a bit early when the rind turns a distinct dark yellow and enjoy the crisp, sweet white flesh. Or, allow the fruit to stay on the vine another week or two and enjoy a softer-textured, juicier melon. 78 days. (B)

Onion 'Deep Purple' is a dark red bunching- (scallion) type onion that colors up early and holds its color into warmer weather. 60 days. (Jo)

(B) Burpee Seeds, <http://www.burpee.com>

(C) The Cook's Garden, <http://www.cooksgarden.com>

(Jo) Johnny's Selected Seeds, <http://www.johnnyseeds.com>

(Ju) Jung Quality Seeds, <http://www.jungseed.com>

(P) Park Seed Co., <http://www.parkseed.com>

(S) Stokes Seeds, <http://www.stokeseeds.com>

Part II to be continued next week...

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" CONTEST SEASON BEGINS!!



Vantage SkillsUSA Regional Contestants: (front row) Nick Bollenbacher (Parkway), Stefan Dirham (Van Wert), Alayna Vann (Wayne Trace), Tiffany Robinson (Wayne Trace), Shelby Lumpkins (Van Wert), Samantha Trisel (Van Wert), Abby Knippen (Ottoville). (Back row) Adrian Mesker (Paulding), Jesse Barker (Lincolnview), Tony Curtis (Paulding), Tyler Johnson (Crestview), Chris Cunningham (Crestview), Josh Robbins (Ottoville), J.J. Baker (Van Wert). Unavailable for the picture were Cory Talbott (Continental), Bekah Dull (Van Wert), A.J. Bartley (Paulding), Cody Butler (Crestview), Jon Fralick (Crestview), Heather Paige (Van Wert), and Jerod Curran (Delphos St. John's).

You can tell it's almost spring here at Vantage... Contest season has begun! Students in Business, Service and Industrial programs have completed local and regional competitions and are heading to state contests.

Four Vantage SkillsUSA students will be competing at

the state contest at the end of April. Tyler Johnson, a senior from Crestview in the Health Careers program will be competing in the Medical Math contest. Shelby Lumpkins, a senior from Van Wert in the Health Careers program will compete in the Nurse Assisting contest. Josh Robbins, a senior from Ottoville in the Carpentry program will

compete in the Carpentry contest. Cody Butler, a senior from Crestview in the Precision Machining program will compete in the Precision Machining contest. Twenty-one students participated in contests at the local and regional level. SkillsUSA is a national organization for career tech-



FCCLA Early Childhood team: Emily Mabry (Parkway), Avery Etzler (Lincolnview) and Paige Kittle (Lincolnview).



FCCLA Life Planning Event team: Breanne Martinez (Paulding) and Brittany Bauer (Continental).

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surrounding area competed at this level. Each event is designed to help members develop specific lifetime skills in character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and career preparation. The regional rally provides an opportunity for FCCLA members to showcase their skills.

Sixteen Vantage FCCLA students in Early Childhood Education, Culinary Arts and Food Careers participated in the skill event competition. Five will represent Vantage at the state contest in April. The Early Childhood team of Paige Kittle (Lincolnview), Avery Etzler (Lincolnview) and Emily Mabry (Parkway), all juniors in the Early Childhood Education program, qualified for state with their project. Avery Etzler also qualified for state for her individual STAR event Early Childhood Event project while seniors Brittany Bauer (Continental) and Breanne Martinez (Paulding) will be competing at state in the STAR Life Planning Event contest.

Rounding out the Early Childhood Education competitors were seniors Ashley Lantz and Erica Whitt (both from Van Wert) who competed in the Chapter Service Manual contest and junior Jessica Easterlin (Van Wert) who participated in the Concept Curriculum Development contest.

Culinary Arts students participating in the Pastry Arts competition were Jeff Prowant (Continental) and Kayla Collins (Van Wert). Kayla Martz (Ft. Jennings) competed in the Garde Manger contest.

Cass Wagner and Lacy Warren (both from Van Wert) competed in the Food Careers Dining Room Attendant competition.

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

Good luck to all the student competitors!

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD RECOGNIZES STUDENT WINNERS

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009 in the Paulding ESC Board office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included the renewal of several administrative contracts. The Board recognized the winners of the Franklin B Walter Outstanding Senior from both Paulding and Van Wert Counties. The Paulding County winner was Angelo Harris, a senior at Wayne Trace High School, and the son of Grace Gonzales. The Van Wert County winner was Taylor Fries, a senior at Lincolnview High School, and the daughter of Doug and Kristina Fries.

The Board also recognized the winners of the Paulding

and Van Wert County spelling bee contests. The Paulding County winner was Dinah Pierce, representing the Christian Home Educators of Paulding County, and the daughter of Alan and Anna Pierce. The Van Wert County winner was Jacob Hoverman, representing Van Wert Middle School, and the son of Paul and Annette Hoverman.

Superintendent John Basinger updated the Board on proposed changes to the Van Wert Area Schools Insurance Group (VWASIG) health insurance program, which included the introduction of Health Saving Accounts (HAS) for employees effective January 1, 2010. Basinger also reviewed recent Western Buckeye activities and personnel issues. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial investments and the monthly expenditures.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the regular February 12, 2009 Regular meeting.

**Approved the current financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Kristine Stuart.

**Approved the following administrative contract

1. A five (5) year (167 day) contract for Paul Clark as Director of Business and Administration Services, effective August 1, 2009.

2. A five (5) year (144 day) contract for George Dougal as Director of Student Services, effective at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

3. A two (2) year (192 day) contract for Laura DeLong as Director of Student Services, effective at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

4. A two (2) year (212 day) contract for Peg Schilb as Curriculum Director, effective at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

**Approved a motion to move Amy Bilimek from Bachelor's to Bachelor's with 150 on the salary schedule, effective September 16, 2008.

**Approved a purchase service contract with Barbara Pemberton to provide required evaluation services for ACE Academy, effective March 9, 2009.

**Approved a motion for up to 60 days of unpaid intermittent Family and Medical Leave for Michelle Davis for the period from February 18, 2009 through February 17, 2010.

**Approved the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) Allocation of \$2,000 and Appropriations for the money.

**Approved scholarships of \$250 for Franklin B. Walter All Scholastic Award winners: Taylor Fries, Lincolnview High School and Angelo Harris, Wayne Trace High School.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on April 9, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.

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NW OHIO LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH OHIO LEGISLATORS



Library representatives from the Liberty Center Public Library, Auglaize County District Public Library, Bluffton Public Library, Defiance Public Library, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Putnam County District Library and the Findlay-Hancock County District Public Library, met with Legislative Aide to state Senator Steve Buehrer, Kimberly Wheeler (second from right) during Legislative Day on March 11th, rallying support for library funding.

Over 300 Ohio library representatives converged on the State House during Legislative Day 2009 held on March 11. After being inspired by keynote speaker and library advocate, Ohio Attorney General, Richard Cordray; library directors, trustees, friends and staff met with their legislators to rally support for library funding.

Public libraries in Ohio are funded by the Public Library Fund (PLF) which is 2.22% of the General Revenue tax. This new funding formula will ebb and flow with the economy. However, the new biennium budget reflects a further slicing of the PLF pie by funding two other agencies rather than their former funding entity, the State Library of Ohio.

The Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), if funded out of the PLF, would further deplete monies for public libraries by almost \$10 million over the two year budget period. This could be catastrophic for many Ohio libraries that rely solely on the PLF for their library funding.

Northwest Ohio libraries serve over 1.1 million citizens by providing popular reading materials, access to high-speed computers and Internet access, authoritative databases, movies, magazines, newspapers and much more. Library staffs are trained in the latest information retrieval skills and professionally con-

nect patrons to the information they need to make decisions in their lives. Visit your local public library for more information about library services and funding.



FROM THE DOG WARDEN

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Sunshine. Sunshine is still waiting for the right family to love her. She is a one year old all blonde Sheltie mix.

Come out and see the dogs on Fridays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. or visit the website at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html or call 419-399-9728.

PASSENGER RAIL ON TRACK TOWARD DISASTER

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

With the recent passage of the state transportation budget bill from the Ohio House of Representatives, there has been much discussion about the merits and drawbacks of the governor's proposal. As your elected state representative and your voice in state government, I will continue to represent the interests of the 75th House District in all deliberations and proceedings.

The transportation budget encompassed a wide range of issues, including the establishment of an automated speed enforcement system and a primary seatbelt law. However, none of the bill's provisions have drawn the amount of controversy and debate as the governor's plan for a high-speed passenger rail that would connect Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland. The "3-C Corridor" is the most densely-populated region in Ohio, with nearly 60 percent of Ohio's population residing in this stretch of land. The \$250 million plan would work in conjunction with Amtrak to revive an industry that has been dormant in Ohio for almost 40 years. Currently, Amtrak is in the process of conducting a survey on the potential costs and ridership, which is expected to be completed in August.

My fellow Republican representatives and I had serious concerns with the governor's original proposal, which cre-

ated the rail system without looking at the results of the study. We agree with the importance of keeping Ohio a competitive market and the goal of job creation in the state. The question is whether our state should spend such an exorbitant amount of money without knowing if a passenger rail system would be a profitable endeavor.

Ohio is facing an enormous budget deficit during the upcoming fiscal years, and everyone from state agencies to families will feel the effects of budget cuts and increased taxes and fees. The passenger rail would require an ongoing state subsidy, but my colleagues and I aren't yet sure of how steep the subsidy would be or what effect it would have on taxpayers. We advocated that instead of jumping blindly into an irreversible project, we wait until we have all available information to make an informed decision. With the financial amount that we are asking our constituents to sacrifice, embarking on a multi-million dollar project without adequate study would be shortsighted and reckless.

The transportation budget did pass the House with the stipulation that a study on the rail system be conducted first. Unfortunately, the governor has found a way to push the 3-C rail plan into effect regardless of the state legislature's decisions. Members of the Ohio House and Senate traditionally have deliberated on all large financial decisions in which funds are drawn out of the state treasury, which provided opportunity for public input through the committee process. However, the governor has given the State Controlling Board full authority to approve of the rail system without the approval of the legislative bodies. The Controlling Board, which is Democrat-controlled, is a small quasi-legislative board that handles minor financial transactions of the state, but it was not designed to make decisions regarding sizeable appropriations. This tactic would allow the governor the ability to bypass a House or Senate vote and avoid public involvement in the decision-making process.

We as state legislators have a responsibility to provide our constituents with transparency and accountability in every decision we make, because in the end it is the taxpaying citizen who ends up paying the price for our poor decisions. I hope to one day see Ohioans connected by an efficient, state-wide rail service, one that would produce growth in many local communities. However, without Amtrak's preliminary analysis figures that show a positive return on the project, I am not willing to use my constituents' hard earned money to gamble with Ohio's future. Furthermore, the process should be conducted within the public forum of the General Assembly.

As always, I welcome your views on all state issues. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, please write to me: Representative Lynn Wachtmann, Ohio House of Representatives, 77 South High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or call my office at (614) 466-3760.

DR. LARRY TOPE VISITS OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



On January 21st, Dr. Larry Tope visited Oakwood Elementary fifth and second graders. Dr. Tope is a member of the Ohio Optometric Association; and as part of that organization, he came to Oakwood Elementary to

bring our students the "Re-aleyes" program, teaching the importance of vision and eye safety. Pictured here, Dr. Tope is showing some of Miss Zachrich's second graders a cow's eye.

KEVIN MAYNOR W/PIANIST ERIC OLSEN TO BE AT HUBER OPERA HOUSE

Vocalist Kevin Maynor w/ pianist Eric Olsen is to be in concert at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville on Friday, March 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Maynor is the second in a series of concerts to be held at the Huber.

Kevin Maynor's performance will feature such favorites as Old Man River, Volga Boat Song, Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho, Danny Boy, Joe Hill, John Henry, Balm in Gilead and many more.

He has appeared in concert in all continents under the sponsorship of the U.S. State Department, Rockefeller Foundation, and Arts America and been declared a voice only to compare to Paul Robeson.

HEALTH, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FAIR IN PAULDING COUNTY

The Paulding County Senior Center is sponsoring a Health, Business and Industry Fair on March 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Paulding County Extension Building at the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

Come out and enjoy over fifty displays from local health and social service agencies, businesses/industries, educational activities, fun activities for children. Lunch and baked goods available.

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DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE SADD ASSEMBLY HELD AT ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL



"Don't Text and Drive" was the theme of the school-wide assembly held at Antwerp Jr./Sr. High School on Thursday, March 12. The Antwerp chapter of SADD with the help of guidance counselor Mrs. Shelia Caligiure shared statistics with Antwerp students in grades 6-12 concerning the dangers of texting while op-

erating a motor vehicle. Shown in the picture above is SADD advisor Mrs. Deb Altic putting the finishing touches on the assembly. In the background are SADD members Victoria Zuber, Scarlett Allen, and Katrina McCague, who each made presentations during the assembly.

AUTHOR TIM BAKER HOLDS BOOK SIGNING AT PAULDING CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Paulding Carnegie Library is hosting a book signing featuring Tim Baker the author of *An Experience Heaven Sent* on March 23 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

An Experience Heaven Sent is an autobiography about Timothy Louis Baker and his wild and adventurous times. At a young age, Timothy becomes involved in drugs, crime and hitchhiking after which he moved to mountain living. All the while he was having paranormal experiences. His favorite experience is of his visit to heaven while living in Colorado in 1989. Mr. Baker then settled down in his hometown with a wife and child which did not last. Triumph and tragedy fol-

lowed him all throughout life, but he also found in there a fulfillment.

Mr. Baker will sign all purchases of his books at the book signing. You may contact Mr. Baker at <http://www.webspawner.com/tlbauto/index.html>

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:**
 3/11 - Tasha Farsht, Paulding
 3/12 - Virginia Imboden, Payne
 3/13 - Marilyn Gribble, Grover Hill
- Dismissals:**
 3/13 - Tasha Farsht, Paulding
 3/14 - Waneta Sanders, Payne; Virginia Imboden, Payne

OSU EXTENSION REORGANIZES

By: Suzanne Steel, Communications and Technology

Due to state budget reductions, Ohio State University Extension is reducing its workforce and reorganizing operations.

"Despite a proven track record of serving Ohioans effectively for 95 years, OSU Extension must reduce its workforce and expenses to align with declining state and local revenues. We know this loss of income in no way reflects our value. Yet, given the incredibly difficult economy, we, too, are called to sacrifice," said Keith Smith, director of OSU Extension and associate vice president of agricultural administration at Ohio State.

The reorganization will be based on a strategic plan OSU Extension completed in 2008, but will be implemented with fewer people than originally intended.

"We set out to reorganize our work in a way that ensures we can continue providing high-quality services throughout Ohio, and be positioned to succeed when the economy improves," Smith said.

Extension is key to economic development and job creation throughout the state, Smith said. As noted in a 2005 Battelle study, OSU Extension plays a critical economic role, applying the latest research to Ohio's most important industry, the AgBiosciences. According to the study, every one percent increase in agricultural production as a result of Extension programming brings \$149 million worth of output to the state, and creates 2,712 jobs. Extension itself helps create more than 1,900 jobs, \$64 million in income, and \$4.8 million in state taxes annually.

"We maximize food production and safety and stretch precious health care dollars efficiently through special prevention efforts, and we protect and improve the environment in literally every county," Smith said. "We serve 320,000-plus 4-H youngsters in cities and villages across the state, improving their educational outcomes to increase their chances of attending college. In fact, by grade 8, 4-H youth are 1.6 times more likely to attend college than their peers."

The reorganization pools resources into nine areas in the state and deploys technology to increase efficiency. County-based Extension educators will now serve Ohioans in a multi-county area.

"We are maintaining the direct connections between Ohio State faculty and Extension educators, many of whom are faculty members working in dual roles," Smith said.

County, campus and state budgets have been reduced, affecting a number of positions across Ohio. Additionally, on March 5, OSU Extension reduced its county-based program workforce by 20-plus positions. "Despite these changes, we are making it a key priority to maintain a presence in every county," Smith said.

"Further reductions would most certainly diminish our job-creation and economic development capacity significantly. We hope state leaders

will recognize our critical economic impact and protect us from additional cuts as they finalize the next biennial budget," he said.

OSU Extension's reorganization plan and a view of how counties will be grouped can be accessed at its Web site, <http://extension.osu.edu>.

USDA WILL RESTORE AND PROTECT FLOOD-PRONE LANDS IN OHIO WITH ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDING

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide up to \$30 million to eligible landowners in Ohio through the floodplain easement component of its Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program, State Conservationist Terry Cosby announced March 10, 2009. The funds will be used to restore frequently flooded land to its natural state and create jobs.

Cosby also announced that eligible landowners can sign up for these easements from March 9-27, 2009, at their local USDA Service Center NRCS Office.

"We will be working with landowners who voluntarily agree to restore the floodplains to their natural condition by placing their land into easements," Cosby said. "These easements will convert environmentally sensitive lands into riparian corridors and wooded bottomlands that are so vital for fish and wildlife habitat and to mitigate downstream flooding."

Cosby said green jobs can be created in rural communities across Ohio when landowners establish conservation practices on the land entered into easement. Jobs will be created mostly in the engineering, biology, and construction fields when trees and native grasses are planted and the hydrology of the floodplain is restored.

The funding, obtained from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, includes both technical and financial assistance to restore the easements. All funds will be spent on targeted projects that can be completed with economic stimulus monies. The goal is to have all floodplain easements acquired and restored within 12-18 months.

The EWP Program's floodplain easement component allows the NRCS to purchase easements on lands damaged by flooding. The restored floodplain will generate many public benefits, such as increased flood protection, enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, improved water quality, and a reduced need for future public disaster assistance. Other benefits include reduced energy consumption when certain agricultural activities and practices are eliminated and increased carbon sequestration as permanent vegetative cover is re-established.

Interested landowners can contact their local USDA Service Center NRCS Office for more information about the EWP Program floodplain easements during the sign-up. For information about EWP Program floodplain easements, please visit <http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov>.

4TH ANNUAL DEFIANCE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY ANTIQUE SALE



The 4th Annual Defiance County Humane Society Antique Sale will be held Saturday, March 21. Again the local 211 UAW has graciously donated the hall for this event. The hall is located at 2120 Baltimore Street in Defiance. Shows run from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Past shows have always had a great turnout, people eager to get out after a long winter and with this winter being a very, very, long, cold winter cabin fever is sure to be going around.

This show will have a nice mix of antiques with dealers from Michigan and Indiana as well as Ohio. As always, there will be small items, ephemera and certainly quite a bit of furniture, country, Victorian and primitives. Also, we will have a dealer specializing in lamps and one specializing in clocks. Both gentlemen are resources for repairs. Lawrence Mavis will again be demonstrating the various kinds of chair cane weaving that can be done to repair new finds or family heirlooms.

Food and beverages will be available so come hungry. Hot chicken, hot beef and BBQ pork sandwiches, plus an assortment of Bud's Pies for dessert will satisfy any appetite.

This is a fun day. Some

people come to find treasures, some come to compare items they may have at home, others like to stroll down memory lane and it's all for a great cause.

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RANDY PAYNE FROM AEP TO SPEAK AT NEXT V.E.T.S. MEETING

V.E.T.S. will be holding their public meeting next Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Antwerp American Legion facility.

Randy Payne from American Electric Power will be our guest to discuss the electrical and lighting needs at the new memorial location in the park.

V.E.T.S. recently sent a solicitation letter asking for a donation from AEP towards your memorial. We are hoping for product and labor for the installation of the electrical, outlet receptacles, and the flood lights to illuminate the memorial throughout the nighttime hours. This could be a generous non-monetary boost to our fundraising efforts. Anything we don't have to pay for is like adding dollars to the bank account.

Antwerp Mayor Ray DeLong has been invited to come to this meeting as well. This memorial belongs to the village and he feels vandalism could be a great concern with placement of the flood lights.

Since most of you pay a light bill each month to AEP, and are veterans, we hope it would be worth your effort to

come in support of your memorial. Let AEP see who butters their bread! Please pass on this invitation to come support the memorial building project.

ANTWERP SCHOOL RE-UNION COMMITTEE TO MEET

The AHS Reunion Committee will meet Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 p.m., at the Essen House.

Each class will need a class representative to contact his/her classmates to reserve dinners, tables, chairs and dance admittance. Come and get your reservation forms at the meeting. All persons who ever attended Antwerp School are welcome to come, however reservations are necessary. Planning must be made for the number of people coming and we cannot accept payment at the door.

If you have any question you may contact:

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LATTA ANNOUNCES MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) will host an informational meeting regarding the United States Military Service Academy nomination and appointment process for the 2010 academic year.

The informational meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009 at Fremont Ross High School Cafeteria, located at 1100 North Street.

At the meeting, potential candidates will be advised of the Congressman's nomination process and meet with representatives from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy. Potential candidates can also obtain an application for a military service academy nomination at the meeting. Completed applications are due September 30.

Potential candidates who cannot attend the event or have additional questions can contact Congressman Latta's Norwalk office at (419) 668-0206.

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TRACT 1: 6.6± ACRES with nearly 300 feet of road frontage. The tract runs back nearly 1000 feet in depth. This tract has mostly Latty silty clay soils with some Fulton loam slopes. The back drop to this property is wooded for private building site!

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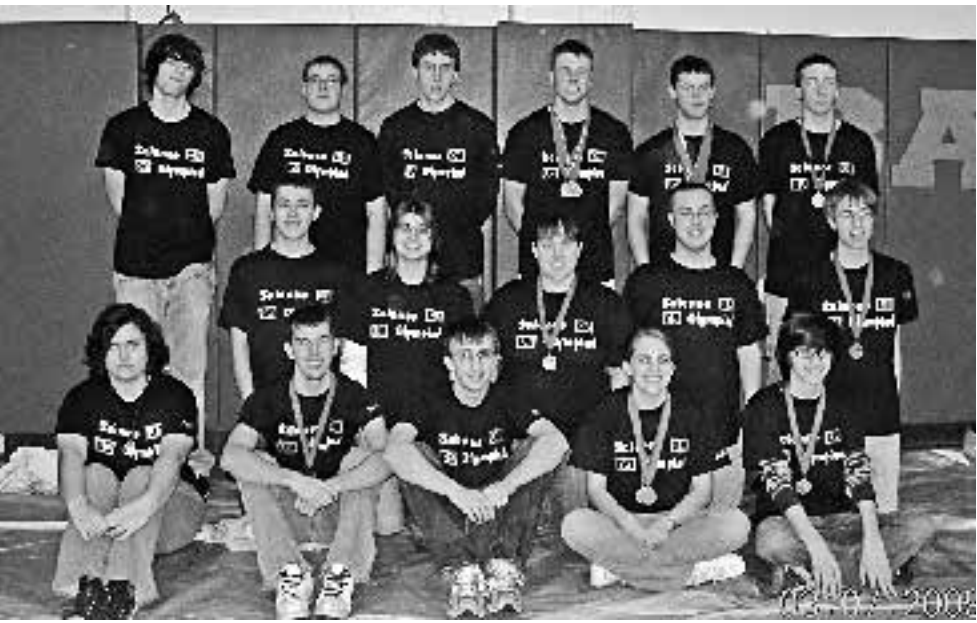
The property is being offered in one tract, approx. 78 acres total. The property will be surveyed and the price will be prorated per the new surveyed acres. Access onto the property is via two lots. The first is along S.R. 49 just south of the intersection of S.R. 49 and Water Park Drive. The second is off of Buffalo Street. See Auction Signs! The soils are predominantly Hoytville Silty Clay.

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Middle School team members (l-r) Front row - Austin Miller, Brad Matson, Ellie Miller, Sidney Salinas, Sean Holman, Matthew Meriwether; Back row - Isaac Nice, Katie Carnahan, Savannah Roughton, Zane Wilhelm, Devin Otto, Dalton Talbott, Tyler Hayner and Laurel Wehrkamp

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools Science Olympiad teams recently competed in the Northwest Regional competition at OSU in Lima. The High School team placed 3rd out of 23 teams, and the Middle School team placed 4th out of 24 teams. Both teams qualified for the state

competition in Columbus at OSU on April 18, as part of the top 40 teams in the state of Ohio. Individual gold medalists were Audrey Nice (2), Jack Meriwether, Eric Ross, Austin Miller, Brad Matson, Ellie Miller and Savannah Roughton.

Silver medalists were Eric Ross (3), Zak Shafer (3), Ashley Switzer, Audrey Nice, Jared Ross, Spencer Wilhelm, Logan Steele, Savannah Roughton and Sidney Salinas, Devon Otto and Zane Wilhelm. Bronze medalists were Zak Shafer, Eric Ross, Austin Miller and Zane Wilhelm.

PAULDING COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

Paulding County has been awarded \$12,126 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of Paulding County representatives will determine how funds to Paulding County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. The Local Board will meet Friday April 1, 2009 at the United Way of Paulding

County office.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must; 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to participate and must request an application by Friday March 27, 2009.

Paulding County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Center for Child and Family Advocacy, YWCA of Van Wert, St. Paul United Methodist Food Pantry, Grover Hill Food Pantry, Pioneer Christian Ministries Food Pantry, Antwerp Christian Food Pantry, and Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission participating.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Nancy Hessler at United Way of Paulding County at 419-399-5300 or email pcuw@windstream.net for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is Monday March 30, 2009.

SCIENCE ONLINE

By: Ellen Williams, PEVS

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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/18 THROUGH 3/24

- 3/18 - Spaghetti w/meat or pork fritter on bun, banana half, corn, breadstick, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pie
- 3/19 - Pancakes or pizza burger on bun, hash browns, orange juice, sausage links, milk; PLUS: salad bar or spaghetti salad
- 3/20 - French bread pizza or tuna salad sandwich, carrots w/dip, pears, brownie, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
- 3/23 - Vegetable beef soup w/crackers, grilled chicken on bun, salad cherries, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
- 3/24 - Meatball sub or deli wrap, peaches, scalloped potatoes, milk; PLUS: salad bar or blueberry crisp

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/18 THROUGH 3/24

- Breakfast:*
- 3/18 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
- 3/19 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
- 3/20 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
- 3/23 - Pizza, juice, milk
- 3/24 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
- Lunch:*
- 3/18 - French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage links, 100% OJ, milk
- 3/19 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, smashed potatoes, fruited jello, whipped topping, milk
- 3/20 - Mac/cheese, peanut butter sandwich, green beans, applesauce, milk
- 3/23 - Breaded chicken sandwich, potato wedges, applesauce, milk
- 3/24 - Toasted cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, cookie, mandarin oranges, milk

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/18 THROUGH 3/24

- MS/HS - Breakfast:*
- 3/18 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
- 3/19 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk
- 3/20 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

- 3/23 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 3/24 - Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch:*
- 3/18 - Taco salad or breaded chicken w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/19 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/20 - Footlong chili dog, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/23 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes, country gravy or beef stew w/biscuit, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/24 - Ham chef salad, garlic bread, assorted fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary*
- Breakfast:*
- 3/18 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
- 3/19 - Poptart, juice, milk
- 3/20 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
- 3/23 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
- 3/24 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
- Paulding Elementary*
- Lunch:*
- 3/18 - Breaded chicken w/bun, broccoli w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/19 - Egg & cheese omelet, raisin muffin, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/20 - Mac 'n cheese, mixed vegetables, bread, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/23 - Chicken fajita wrap w/lettuce, cheese & salsa, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/24 - Bar-b-que pork w/ bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- Oakwood Elementary*
- Breakfast:*
- 3/18 - Coco roos cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
- 3/19 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish, cinnamon graham crackers, juice, milk
- 3/20 - Assorted breakfast, fruit, milk
- 3/23 - Waffle, mini sausage, juice, milk
- 3/24 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
- Oakwood Elementary*
- Lunch:*
- 3/18 - Pizza burger w/bun, peas, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/19 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/20 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/23 - Pepperoni & cheese, bread stick w/sauce, corn, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/24 - Chicken noodles, carrots w/dip, bread, fruit, milk

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