

PAULDING HS GIRL 1ST RUNNER UP AT VAN WERT'S PEONY QUEEN JUBILEE XXXIV PAGEANT



Eight beautiful young ladies representing their respective schools paraded their talents, poise and leadership abilities before a full house at the Marsh Foundation Auditorium Friday, March 27. The Queen Jubilee XXXIV selection ceremony took place here. This selection process is in conjunction with Van Wert's Peony Festival that is held in June. Two exceptional young ladies from our readership area were involved - Melinda Slattman from Paulding High School, and Audra Woodcox from Antwerp High School, who was representing Vantage Career Center in the pageant.

The night opened with the young ladies performing a dance number from the musical "Grease" and from there they took their first bow of introduction.

The contestants were: Leslie Densel representing Crestview High School, Ariel Krendl representing Delphos Jefferson High School, Alicia Hempfling representing Delphos St. Johns High School, Lacine N. Myers representing Lincolview High School, Alyssa Evans representing Parkway High School, Melinda Slattman representing Paulding High School, Audra Woodcox representing Vantage Career Center, and Melissa Bloomfield representing Van Wert High School.

Queen Jubilee XXXIII, Heather Farr was introduced next and entertained the audience with a dance routine while the contestants were backstage getting changed into their talent attire.

The pageant judges were: Alyssa Ivanson of Channel 15 news, Davis Smith of

Lima, Michelle Cavalede Kortokrax (Queen Jubilee XIX), and Eric Clabaugh of Channel 21 news. The Master of Ceremonies was Wally Grimm.

Next up, talent paraded across the stage from hoe-down to lowdown. Melinda, from Paulding, performed a clogging routine to the song "Life is a Highway" released by Rascal Flatts. She impressed the audience and the judges with her lively steps.

Audra transformed into a lovesick diva for her performance of "Can't Help Loving That Man" from the musical "Showboat".

Melissa Bloomfield entertained with the song "Astonishing" from "Little Women".

Lacine Myers brought a certain seduction into the spotlight with Nat King Cole's "When I Fall In Love". Leslie Densel's rendition of "Think of Me" from the "Phantom of the Opera", left all a little breathless.

Ariel Krendl's fingers glided effortlessly over the piano keys with her "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven.

Alicia Hempfling brought compassion for our fellow man to the stage with her lyrical dance to "10,000 Homeless".

Alyssa Evans rounded out

the talent portion of competition with her very impressive singing and guitar playing of "Beautiful" by Bethany Dillon.

Then came the question and answer part of the competition. This is where each contestant had to answer a question asked to them by Wally Grimm, MC, that they had chosen randomly. Each contestant did very well in holding their own under the pressure of the moment.

A special treat of the evening was the Little Flower Girls who presented each contestant with a peony before their final walk before the judges. These future Queen Jubilee's are listed in order respectively to their contestant: Sarah Simmons, Emma Kaverman, Lillian Hempfling, Makenzi Boecker, Adian Andrews, Megan Derth, Julia Steiner, and Mackenzie Jones. The crown bearer and sash bearer were Rachel and Sarah Verville.

Heather Farr then came out and gave a farewell walk and speech as the judges' scores were tabulated.

The evening culminated with Melinda Slattman being selected as "Miss Congeniality", receiving a \$250 scholarship. Alicia Hempfling was selected as the talent winner and received a \$400 Scholarship. Alicia was also selected as 2nd Runner-Up, receiving a \$600 Scholarship. Melinda Slattman also won 1st Runner-Up and received an \$800 Scholarship. Alyssa Evans was selected as Queen Jubilee XXXIV and won a \$1500 Scholarship.

The night wouldn't have been complete without the debonair escorts of Tim Hoverman from Van Wert High School, Brock Profit from Lincolview High School, and Rusty Adam from Crestview High School. The Queen's Pageant Committee, who pulled this magical night together were Cheri Exline, Lou Tomlinson, Joann Adams, Kylie Schmid, and Tracy Baer.

An evening of talent, poise, beauty (from the inside as well as out), and leadership. This night was truly a girl's dream come true. Be looking for announcements for the Peony Festival in June.

More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

TEACHERS, ERIN LICHTY & CATHY BARNETT AWARDED GRANT MONEY FOR ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL



Antwerp special education teacher, Erin Lichty, recently traveled to San Antonio, Texas to receive her award for winning a \$50,000 grant from Autoskills, an educational software company. Erin's grant proposal was chosen out of 250 applicants from all over the country. Erin outlined her winning idea, "The Cookie Academy", to a large group of school administrators and Title I coordinators from around the nation. The event coincided with the national Title I conference. Erin was assisted in the grant writing process by Cathy Barnett, technology coordinator for the school district. The grant money will be used to buy SMARTboards for all re-

source rooms in the district. In addition to the monetary prize, the district also received software, equipment, and training for "The Academy of Reading and Math". This is a web-based computer program that helps students build basic skills in reading and math. "The Cookie Academy" will be up and running soon.

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Cathryn M. (Lippott) Whetstone, 93 of Payne, died Thursday, February 19 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born June 30, 1915 in Payne, Ohio the daughter of Dee and Audrey (Smith) Treat. On January 4, 1936 she married John Lippott who preceded her in death on September 15, 1961. Also, preceding her in death is her second husband Robert Whetstone who died in 1994.

She worked as a secretary at the Allen County Co-Op, New Haven High School, and the former Delagrang Ford. She was a member of St. Jacobs United Church of Christ, Payne and a Past Matron of the Order of The Eastern Star #281, Payne.

She is survived by a son, Richard (Nancy) Lippott of Columbus, OH; a daughter, Dorothy (Gerald) Long of Fort Wayne, IN; five grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands: John Lippott and Robert Whetstone; and two brothers: Robert and Marion Treat.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home. An Eastern Star Service will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Burial will be in Wiltzie Cemetery, Payne. Visitation will be from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home activity fund; to the St. Jacobs United Church of Christ; or Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Condolences may be left at www.

Merle Waldron Jr., 47, of Antwerp, died on Friday March 27, 2009 at Parkview Hospital - Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born November 7, 1961 the son of Merle and Mary (Stetler) at Paulding, Ohio. He was employed at Steve Reiff Company - Antwerp, Ohio.

He is survived by two daughters: Kim Waldron (James Kleman) of Paulding and Christina Waldron (Robert Reid) of Hicksville; two sons: Craig Waldron and Timothy Wells both of Hicksville; a step-daughter, LeeAnn Brummett (Derek Morrow) of Antwerp; a stepson, David Brummett of Hicksville; two grandchildren: Jacob Reid and Reina Kleman; a step-grandchild, Bryson Vasquez; sisters: Sandra (John) Tyler of Hicksville, Pamela Fraley of Defiance, Barbara (Gordon) Smith of Mark Center, Roxana (Todd) Snyder of Mark Center, Patricia (Douglas) Wyse of Archbold, Debra (Jim) Mellon of Hicksville; a brother Michael Waldron of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter Reagan Waldron and a step grandson Brody Brummett.

Funeral services were March 30, 2009 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home - Hicksville with Randy Stone officiating. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery in Crane Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Smith & Brown Funeral Home in honor of the Waldron family. Online condolences may be made at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Iona M. Mason, 85, of Cecil, died Monday, March

23, 2009 at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice.

She was born March 14, 1924 in Van Wert County Ohio the daughter of Harley and Elizabeth Mason. She was employed at the P.C. Workshop, Paulding for 25 years.

She is survived by two sisters: Shirley (Loie) Goble (Findlay, OH) and Helen (Karl Miller) Powers of Alfordton, OH; three brothers: Floyd (Kay) Mason of Van Wert, Roger Mason of Findlay, OH; Doyt (Arlene) Mason of Nashville, TN; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Nina Mimilken and Marilyn Maggert; and two brothers: Carlos and Dean Mason.

Graveside services were March 26, 2009 in Hedges Cemetery, Broughton, Ohio with Pastor Ted Ramey officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the P.C. Workshop, Paulding or Hospice-The Caring Way, Defiance. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com.



Gerald G. Williamson, of Paulding, loving husband, father, and grandfather died March 24, 2009 at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance, Ohio at the age of 71.

He was born February 12, 1938 in Haviland, Ohio, the son of Ralph and Leatha (Dague) Williamson. On July 31, 1954 he married Margaret Doster. He was employed by Terra as plant superintendent retiring in 1999. He was a member of the Paulding United Methodist Church where he was also a past church superintendent. He was a graduate of the Bethel Bible Study; a member of Paulding Eagles #2405; and a member of the Coffee Club at McDonald's, Paulding.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Williamson; and devoted children: Rick Williamson and Annette (Gary) Adkins all of Paulding; brother, Dean (Arlene) Williamson of Van Wert; and two adoring grandchildren: Benjamin (Tabbitha) Englehart of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and Jackson Adkins of Paulding.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Charles Williamson.

Funeral services were March 28, 2009 at the Paulding United Methodist Church with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

In memory of Gerald, donations may be made to Gideon's International or Paulding County Hospital Foundation. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.denherderfh.com

V.E.T.S. 3/19/09 MEETING

V.E.T.S. representatives, along with Mayor Ray Delong and Karen Lee from the Park Board met with AEP Community Affairs Mgr., Randy Payne, at the new memorial location in the park. Discussion about lighting for the memorial sparked input from everyone. Concerns about vandalism, ground or pole flood lights, getting electricity and water to this area was discussed. Randy suggested we get cost estimates from local commercial electric contractors. American Electric Power has offered monetary support toward this project to be donated in 2010.

A meeting followed at the Essen House with three area motorcycle riders inquiring about a Poker Run in conjunction with an "all day event" fundraiser with proceeds to VETS. It was decided to table this offer until we learn more about VETS responsibilities.

Our regular public meeting began at 6:30 pm at the American Legion. Nancy gave the financial report for the month. Thanks to the generosity of many local & area businesses, organizations, churches and individuals we are making progress toward Phase II. This includes the 50 ft. dia. viewing platform, footers, and entrance. Once we reach this goal (\$27,500) we can bring our Civil War monument back to his new location in the park.

Good news was received from Homier Monumental that our Civil War Soldier cleaned up nicely. A unanimous vote was taken to replace the broken bill on the Soldier's cap at an estimated cost of \$450 to \$600. We learned that where the faux canons joined the main structure it left an unfinished flat surface. Decorative black granite pieces were made to compliment those areas at a cost of \$530.

Future fundraising input created a host of new ideas. A few of these are a mock "Antiques Road" show, monthly cruise-in in the Park, Armchair Horse Races (like the Turtle races years ago), and a "taste & buy" Chocolate feast. Watch for updates on time & dates for these events!

Please consider purchasing a Granite Paver for a loved one or a tribute to all veterans. These do not have to be military related, but some restrictions do apply. H&W Napa and Antwerp Pharmacy has forms & a sample paver on display. We ask that you be patient as these pavers will be engraved & installed during the Phase II process.

VETERANS Criteria to be included on the memorial: Live within the Antwerp Local School district or held an Antwerp address "at any time" during your lifetime, buried in any cemetery within the boundary, and produce documentation of honorable or medical discharge from any branch of the US Armed Services without regard to when, where or what capacity served. (National Guard duty included) You do not have to be born from the Antwerp area. Call (419)399-5764 for information or for veterans that documentation can't be found. We are here to help you! Our goal is to engrave the names of every Veteran from the Antwerp area.

Donations may be sent to V.E.T.S. P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813.

MR. AND MRS. VIRG MEYER CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Virg and Dorothy Meyer will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 4, 2009. They were married at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn in 1959.

Virg and Dorothy have three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Virg was born and raised in Antwerp, and Dorothy Remcke was born and raised in Woodburn. They have lived in the Antwerp area and were once part owners in the bowling alley in Antwerp.

An open house will be announced at a later date.

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The Zion Lutheran Church, located at 7616 Bull Rapids Road, is hosting a five week Balance & Coordination class which will be conducted by Learn, Move and Live, LLC Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. starting April 15 and running through May 15.

The instructor for the class is Collene Hitchcock, and she has been teaching adults to regain or maintain one's balance and coordination for over 12 years. She has compiled and composed a handbook of movements for this purpose. This handbook will be available for purchase during the five week class.

To reserve your place in the class, and/or for more information call toll free at 419-506-0619.

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank each of you who helped in anyway through our loss of Jeff, said a prayer, sent food, flowers or phone calls.

A special thanks to Dooley Funeral Home, Rev. Jim Edwards, Neil & Starlet Levy, and Mervin & Marilea Volkert. We will never forget any of you. Thanks to all who came to the service and who attended dinner with us.

May God bless.

—Bev, Alan & Renee, and Josh P

PAULDING HAT PROJECT MEETING SCHEDULED

There will be a meeting of the Paulding Hat Project on Friday, April 3, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Black Swamp Nature Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. The purpose of the meeting is to demonstrate how to sew a cotton knit hat together. Anyone interested in sewing or crocheting hats for cancer patients are invited to come.

HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE MONTHLY MEETING

Richard Wann opened the Lodge and the Pledge was given. Eighteen passed Masters stood and were recognized along with the 50-year members that included Doyle Johnson, Dick Savage, Derrill Kline, Estel Cottrell, Elmer Woodcox, Robert L. Stotler Sr. and Charles Carey.

Other members present included Byron Rasey, Russell St. John, Jim Miller, Jim Kline, Mike Villena, George Underwood, Alvin Copsey, Walter Schilb, Tom Culler, Norman Byers, John Gordon, Rick Evans, Scott Ruppert, Tim Betts, Jamie Chapman, Steve Schilb, Dick Wann, Hanson Lilly, Grover Blalock, Terry Ayers, Curtis Metz, Greg Headley, and Dick Altman. The visitors from Concord Lodge #556 in Spencerville were Tom Powell, Ron Hoover, Marty Ansbach, and Walter Miller.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Tom Culler March 29, Dick Rowan March 31, Bill McAlexander March 26, George Underwood March 26, and Don Haver April 9.

Open House chairman, Scott Ruppert, reported that the Open house that was held last Saturday was a success. There were many people that stopped and were given tours of the complex.

The Temple Board convened just prior to the regular meeting. Tim Betts gave a treasurers and secretary report. The donations for the roof are continuing to come in. The Lodge cleanup times were set for the next three month and workers were assigned to the individual months. The next Temple Board meeting will be April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

A new petition was accepted and then degree work was conferred. With no further business, all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship. The next stated meeting will be Wednesday April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions: 3/23 - Joyce Kimmel, Scott
Dismissals: NONE



WOODLAN SENIOR EARNS EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Woodlan senior Matthew A. Gerbers received his Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Court of Honor at Woodburn United Methodist Church. Matthew is the son of Douglas and Amy Gerbers of Woodburn. Matthew is a member of Troop 323 in Woodburn, IN. For Matthew's Eagle project, he organized the folding, packaging and distribution of pocket flags for our soldiers serving overseas so that they could always carry a little piece of home with them and know that we support them.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION HOLDS PROGRAM FOR RELATIVES AND CAREGIVERS

The Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter, invites relatives and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's to attend this free program focusing on moving a loved one with Alzheimer's. It will be held on Wednesday, April 8 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Paulding Senior Center, 401 E. Jackson, Paulding.

The program will focus on practical suggestions to help moving a loved on with Alzheimer's disease easier and less traumatic on both the family and the loved one.

To register for this free program or for more information, call the Lima office of the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter, at 419-227-9700 or 1-800-272-3900.

For more information about Alzheimer's disease and dementia please visit the Alzheimer's Association's website www.alz.org/nwohio and/or contact the Helpline 1-800-272-3900.

4-H CLUB: BROWN BETTY'S AND BUSTER BROWN'S MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 24, 2009

Location: Oakwood Legion Hall

To start the meeting off the roll call was taken by Austin Land. Austin Land read the minutes from our last meeting. Cody Bradford gave the treasurer's report. Then the whole club said the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the 4-H pledge. Demonstrations were given by Mara Kessler - goat breeds; Justin Carnahan - meat cuts on goats, and Cole Parrot - curbing. Our advisor is Jerolyn Parrot and our officers are: President - Mara Kessler, Vice President - Justin Parrot, Secretary - Austin Land, Treasurer - Cody Bradford.

Next meeting will be after school is out at the Oakwood Legion Hall.

News Reporter: Katie Carnahan

ONE FAITH EPHESIANS 4:5

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today, I would like to talk to you about the one faith that the Bible talks about in Ephesians 4:5. Well, what does the Bible say the one faith is? First off, we will tell what faith isn't. Have you ever had someone ask you what faith are you? This meaning, 'what church do you attend?' When someone asks you this question, it isn't in the Bible, because there is only one faith, one church and all of these ones are found in Christ.

The one body is ruled by the one faith. If you do not belong to the one faith that Ephesians 4:5 is talking about is the law of Christ, which is the Gospel of Christ, the New Testament. The Bible speaks about faith, such as the word of faith in Romans 3:27. Again this is talking about the Gospel Message. Romans 16:26 tells us about the obedience of faith, speaking of those who hear the Gospel message and believes in what is being said and are obedient to the commandment of what the Bible tells us on how to be a Christian. Also this is for the Christian that we are to be obedient to the Gospel of Christ. We, as Christians, must strive together for the faith of the Gospel and continue in it; Philippians 1:27 and Colossians 1:23.

Loved ones, there is so many scripture verses on the

one faith that I cannot list them all here. I just want you to know that the one faith produces the unity for which Jesus prayed (John 17:20-21). But there is those who do not want unity in God's word, they want division, so they start their own prayer books, creeds, manuals, synods, councils, disciplines and catechisms that turn people away from the truth and unity of God's word.

Please read what the Bible says in Galatians 1:6-8 and please turn back to the truth of the one faith, the Gospel of Christ. I beg of you to come to the true church of the Bible that wears Jesus' name, that Jesus started in 33 AD; the church of Christ. Please remember that Jesus loves you and so do I! Bible questions please call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-5022.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Logan Carl Lotz was born to Gregory and Amanda Lotz of Payne on 3/26/09 at 10:37 a.m. Logan weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and 19.9 in.

Logan was welcomed home by siblings Kearstin and Jordan.

Proud grandparents are Rhonda and Andy Lotz, and Frank and Jamie Karolyi both of Payne, and Tina and Larry Erb of Terre Haute, IN. Great-grandparents are Rita and Louie Mauhlman of Deshler, OH and Ruby Day of Convoy, OH.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many of you bought or contributed to the "A Taste of Freedom" cookbook the V.E.T.S. committee put together last fall. It was a great fundraiser for the new Veterans Memorial that will be erected in Antwerp and it sold out in a matter of a few short weeks! We've received so many compliments on the book because there are so many good, quick and easy recipes in it! In fact, someone in Texas loves it so much that the people down there have ordered 100 more!

So, back by popular demand, we have decided to order additional cookbooks! If you know of someone who wanted one and didn't get one, please let them know that we'll be getting more and they can contact any V.E.T.S. member to reserve one (or more!).

V.E.T.S. is also sponsoring a "low cost" one-day bus trip down to Wright Patterson Air Force Museum and

on to The Greene shopping center, in Dayton on May 30. We're hoping to fill two buses. Look for the flyer or in the classified ads in this paper for more information. Let the V.E.T.S. know if you are interested and sign up now while seats are available.

The V.E.T.S. committee is working really hard to make this new memorial become a reality. I commend those ladies for all of their time and effort because this is a HUGE project. They are constantly looking for new, creative, fun ways to raise funds and make this a true community project with the end result being a wonderful memorial to those who have given so much for our freedom. We've raised over \$45,000 and nearing halfway to our goal. Plus we have individuals or companies donating materials, labor and/or money to the project, which is very helpful because that is less money that has to be raised.

Please forward this message to anyone who may be interested. I truly appreciate your help and support of this project.

—Lori (Lichty) Hines

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On March 25, Fred Peiper had an editorial about how President Obama was doing such a lousy job of running the country. I have to disagree with his observation; as a matter of fact, if the Bush administration had done this kind of deficit spending, he'd have jumped aboard that train with both feet! I remember "W" not vetoing a single bill until the Democrats gained the majority in the House and Senate! As far as pork, I'm sick of the Republicans crying about what is actually spending appropriations for a Congressman's or Senator's district! This is how federal dollars come to

projects such as the Fort to Port project! Come on, if the schools would teach government classes as they used to, most people wouldn't call this funding pork! I'm not saying there isn't waste, but a line item veto would cure that problem for both parties. And as far as President Obama increasing the deficit, I seem to remember that "W" left a considerable deficit, similar to what Herbert Hoover left for Franklin Roosevelt!

Some economists say this might not be enough spending to get us out of this mess, just look at how many jobs that were lost under "W's" give-to-the-rich policies! They don't re-invest the money in the U.S., they are NOT patriots or loyal to Americans, only to money! The great Ronald Reagan started this decline when he declared "we will become a service economy"! Only countries that make durable goods can be wealthy, and can defend themselves in time of war! At least President Obama has tried to reach across the aisle and work with the Republicans, and I'm sure as long as they don't come up with the same old broken ideas that put us in this mess, he'll include them in his policies. He isn't a born with wealth guy, he's more like an average guy who worked to get where he is, you know, the American way!

—Mike Porter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently I wrote a letter blasting the decision to raise our utility rates. While I can't accept this decision as being right I would like to clear a few things. I do not have anything against the people on the council. In fact I voted for them because I felt they were right for the job and still feel that way! I just feel this rate raise was a very poor thing especially in these hard times. The two members who voted against it obviously knew it was wrong and what our response would be.

As far as my "Mein Kampf" statement, if you read the history of WWII you will find that Hitler in his prelude to the conquest of the world took over the small countries by first taking away their armies, rights, and freedom of speech. It is "my way or the highway". Just as is happening here!

Paulding has been called Progressive Paulding but we are going backwards. Continuous high property tax, levies, and now this increase is driving people away as well as lack of good jobs. Progress is supposed to mean moving forward not backward!

As far as Tim Dauten's choice for councilman; I can't agree. This person likes to spend other people's money

too! Our council should wait for the stimulus to kick in and make the EPA aware of this is how we can handle the problem! Making the citizens come up with money we just don't have is just going to make matters worse. We have good people on the council but they need to use a little better judgement on these money matters. Let's give it a try guys (and girls). How about it?

—Gregg Gorman



OPEN HOUSE FOR DR. HAROLD NIMS AT CONTINENTAL MEDICAL CLINIC

Paulding County Hospital was approached by the Continental Development Group to see if the hospital was interested in placing a family physician in the vacant medical clinic located in Continental. After assessing the communities needs the search was on for a suitable doctor. Harold Nims, DO, was located and was very excited to take on this new practice.

Paulding County Hospital is also very excited to develop a presence in a new community such as Continental. We are hoping this will open the door to new patients who have never experienced our many hospital services before.

Dr. Harold Nims has practiced family medicine in the Louisiana and Flint, Michigan area for the past twenty years.

Nims received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts, and studied osteopathic medicine at University Health Sciences in Kansas City, MO. He completed his residency at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint.

He went to school first under an army scholarship. He was drafted in 1970 and served four years at Fort Polk. He stayed an additional two years there as a civilian doctor. He is married with three children.

An Open House held on March 19, went very well with over 75 people from the community stopping by to meet the new doctor. The Continental community is very excited to have a new doctor in town and have

MANOR HOUSE WELCOMES 'MASTER MIMES'



By: Sue Knapp

The residents of Manor House were entertained by the 'Master Mimes' from the West Unity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 22.

The program depicted different parts of Christ's life and life situations that we face today. The skits are done with song. The residents appreciated the program and felt the touching emotions that

the kids portrayed. A special number is when the kids signed to Amazing Grace.

'Master Mimes' started in the spring of 1996. Tami Manley is the founder and M.C., Jeri Grime is the choreographer and there is much help from many volunteers.

The group performs at church services, parties and community celebrations. They do take a break during the summer.

been extremely supportive.

Dr. Nims began his practice at the Continental Medical Clinic on Monday, March 23. For appointments call 419-596-3090.

CAROLINE AREND BOOK SIGNING & ADULT WALKING AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Cooper Community Library, Oakwood branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system will be hosting a book signing for Caroline Arend on Monday, April 6, 5:30-7:00 at the library. Caroline's first book "Grandpa Doesn't Like Snakes!" was just released this month. The book has been dedicated to their son, Zachary Arend. Sandy Dobbelaere, Oakwood, illustrated the book.

The Cooper Community Library, Oakwood branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system has started a walking club for adults. The class will be held in the community room at 6:00-7:00 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings providing the room is not being used. Contact the library, 419-594-3337 for more information. There is no cost for this event.

HOTTINGER AND WACHTMANN DECRY BWC CHANGES

State Representatives Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) and Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today responded to news that the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is restricting access to the Drug Free Workplace Program.

"The Drug Free Workplace

Program has been immensely successful at incentivizing employers to keep drugs out of their workplaces," Hottinger said. "To restrict access to this program based on the fact that the company participates in a group rating program sends the wrong message. We need to encourage drug free workplaces, not tell employers it doesn't matter."

The Drug Free Workplace Program provides BWC premium discounts to companies that work to keep their jobsites drug free. At a March 20 board meeting the BWC Oversight Commission voted to stop allowing companies that participate in a group rating discount program from also participating in the Drug Free Workplace discount program. Other discount programs are still open to companies participating in the group discount programs.

"I'm very disappointed that Governor Strickland and BWC are looking to end this program," Wachtmann said. "In the end, it will just become yet another negative impact on Ohio's jobs and only discourage economic growth. This program is clearly good for the safety and productivity of Ohio's workers and their employers."

The changes approved by the BWC Oversight Commission are scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2009.

Representative Hottinger is ranking member of the House Insurance Committee which hears issues related to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation in the Ohio House. Representative Wachtmann is also a member of the committee, as well as a member of the Workers' Compensation Council.

"Because we fear the responsibility for our actions, we have allowed ourselves to develop the mentality of slaves. we now pledge "our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor" not to one another for our mutual protection, but to the state, whose actions continue to exploit, despoil, and destroy us."
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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan
 Monday, March 23 was the Open House for the new Antwerp School bus garage. Sure, that's history. You can say, 'I remember when they built that building.' Yes, you're right, to me everything is history. Memories and most everything else turns into history.
 The man in the picture is Gale Jordan. He is the Transportation Coordinator for the Antwerp High School. That covers all of the students, all of the athletic games, all field trips and any and all meetings. If there is a little bus trouble he is the one you call.
 In addition to all the school buses, the school has a van, a little compact car, a pick-up truck, a Case International Tractor with a front end loader, a John Deere zero turn lawn mower, a Scag mower (about 15 years old) and the liner for the football field that has a five horse engine. This all comes under the transportation division for maintenance.
 Gale has been the maintenance man since the summer of 1998. He operated the Sohio Station on the corner of US 24 and SR 49. He's also

drove school bus since 1979 and has a bus license. He drove an 18 wheeler for eight years and did maintenance for a trucking company for seven and a half years.
 Gale has seven children and two grandchildren. Gale likes to travel with his camper. He's played a lot of slow-pitch softball and enjoys watching the high school sports program.
 He is also a model train enthusiast. He belongs to a train club called The Maumee Valley Train Club in Fort Wayne. This is a H-O size club.
 He enjoys taking his son, Mark to Defiance and watching the CSX Freight go by. That is little Mark's favorite train line.
 He enjoys hanging out with his kids and grandkids. He spends a lot of time on the cell phone with his son, Eric, who lives out in Denver, Colorado.
 His family is very active in their church in Defiance. See Ya!
If you mailed 11,500 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$2760 not including printing cost. A postcard size ad only cost \$72

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan
 On Sunday morning, March 22, we journeyed to visit that beautiful Nazarene Church at Payne, Ohio.
 They were having their monthly breakfast and boy did they put on a spread. Anything pertaining to a big breakfast, they had on hand. We sat around and talked until about 10:15 and then retired to the sanctuary.
 The gospel group called 'Legacy' put on a musical program for about 50 minutes. It has three girl singers and they are sisters, five musicians all total.
 They played to a full house and it was really enjoyable. I think most of these entertainers come from the Defiance area. If you get the chance, you should go see them, you will like it. They will be at Antwerp's A Day in the Park.
 While we were having breakfast an old Antwerp Alumnus of 1953, Lenny Saylor, brought around a set of questions. You can tell that they are a little tricky. He says you will pass if you get half of them right. If anyone gets them all correct, he says they will get a prize. I don't think it amounts to much and that contest pertains to their church.
 He winked and told me that Panama hats are not made in Panama. So, you see, those questions are all foolers.
 Ben Franklin told me, 'Never play the other man's game'.
 I think Lenny stayed up all night to think up these questions. See Ya!

The Archers bowed out a very respectable 16-5. 9th year varsity mentor Scott McMichael garnered his 100th Archer victory this season and the recent success was noted around the northwest Ohio basketball community, as Coach McMichael was voted as District #7 Division 4 Coach of the Year by his peers.
 Antwerp also saw great play on the horizon as the Freshman squad lost in overtime to Tinora in the conference finals to finish 12-5, and the 8th grade team lost in the conference finals to Edgerton.
 In regards to peer voting, varsity Head Coach Doug Billman, of the Bryan Golden Bears, was voted the Northwest Ohio Athletic League (Ohio's oldest league) Coach of the Year. Coach Billman led his Bears to a share of the NWOAL title.
 Longstanding Sylvania Southview Coach Marc Jump moved his record wins to 190 this season with a fantastic 20-2 record. Cougar season highlights included a Northern Lakes League outright title, a #1 seed in the rugged D1 Toledo Sectional, a sectional title, Toledo Blade team and Coach of the Year, as well as NLL Coach of the Year honors.
 Don and Janeese (Kennedy) Sarrazin's son Cody (6'6" Jr.) plays for Fort Wayne Snider in the big school division. Snider H.S. earned their first ever trip to state two weekends ago, and played at state on Saturday, March 28. Cody plays 6th man for this senior dominated team, much like his Uncle Jared Kennedy did on the 1988-89 Antwerp Regional Final team. Jared shared the 6th-Man Award with Dan West that season.
 The Green Meadows Conference champion, Tinora Rams, will represent NW Ohio in Division #3 at state. This marks the third consecutive season the conference has been represented at the state tournament and the fourth time in the last six years.

ment coaches from Curves of Paulding, through a series of DVDs that will alternate teaching with hands-on activities. Participants will be encouraged to make a weekly appointment to weigh in with their weight management coach, who will provide accountability.
 All classes are free to members and non-members. Supplemental supplies will be available to purchase to enhance the outcome of the Weight Management Class.
 "We're excited to be offering free weight management classes," said Glenda Ferris, owner of Curves of Paulding. "This dynamic program and the book are brand-new, and packed with cutting-edge information and lots of practical advice that women can use immediately. Every woman who is even thinking about losing weight should definitely check out the free classes."
 Curves of Paulding will be offering classes on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 10:30-12:30 at the Paulding location.
 For more information, contact Glenda Ferris at 419-399-9229 or pauldingcurves@hotmail.com.

ORTA President, Edna Hansen will be the speaker. She will have up-to-date information on health care and retirement concerns. Plan to attend and bring another retired teacher to this informative meeting. Newly elected District II Director, Jerry Holscher is planning to attend our meeting. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank to the meeting.
 The 2009 PCRTA officers are: President, Cleo Swager; Vice-president, Marcia Pressler; Secretary, Ann Furrrow; and Treasurer, Bill Fast.
 Check out our website at <http://www.pacrta.hostcenter.com/>

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/1 THROUGH 4/7

- Breakfast:*
 4/1 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 4/2 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 4/3 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 4/6 - Pizza, juice, milk
 4/7 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 4/1 - Cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, applesauce, milk
 4/2 - Breaded chicken sandwich, Raider tators, peaches, milk
 4/3 - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, pineapple, milk
 4/6 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, applesauce, milk
 4/7 - Chicken nuggets, Raider tators, mixed fruit, milk

1ST 2009 MEETING OF THE ORTA

The first 2009 meeting of the Paulding County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association will be held Monday, April 13 at 12:00 p.m. at the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, 200 Main St., Oakwood, OH. Phone or email your reservation by April 6 to Joan Buchman: 419-399-3275 or Karen Jacobs 419-594-2138.

WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

- (passing requires four correct answers)
 1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
 2. Which country make Panama hats?
 3. From which animal do we get catgut?
 4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
 5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
 6. The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
 7. What was King George VI's first name?
 8. What color is a purple finch?
 9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
 10. What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?
 Answers will be provided in next week's paper!!

ANTWERP BOYS 2008-09 BASKETBALL SEASON SETS NEW SCHOOL RECORD

As the boys basketball season winds down and culminates at the state tournament this weekend, the Antwerp community has many things to celebrate and be proud of.
 The Antwerp varsity boys set a new school record, opening the season with 11 consecutive wins. The former record was seven wins to open the 1989-90 season. This year's Archers were the #2 seed in the very tough seven team Van Wert sectional. The draw pitted Antwerp against a senior dominated Delphos Jefferson team that not only knocked off the Archers 55-35, but went on to defeat Ottoville and win the sectional title.

CURVES OF PAULDING OFFERS FREE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASSES

Curves of Paulding is offering free weight management classes to teach its proven method for losing weight and raising metabolism. More studied than any other program, Curves' classes are based on the groundbreaking new research findings of the Exercise & Sport Nutrition Laboratory at Texas A&M University. Now, the women of Paulding can learn the powerful secret that has helped millions of women lose millions of pounds and keep them off for good. Classes are open to members and non-members.
 Classes include:
 Start-Up Class (90 minutes) for first-time participants.
 Phase 3 (30 minutes) to teach the last and most important stage of the Curves Weight Management Plan and the secret that makes the plan work.
 Special Topics Classes (30 minutes) will cover a different topic each month, including Smart Grocery Shopping, Choosing the Right Carbohydrates, Eating Out, Emotional Eating and more.
 Classes will be taught by Curves' Registered Dietitian, Nadia Rodman, and facilitated by weight manage-

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PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH FAIR INFORMS COMMUNITY



By: Sue Knapp

The Paulding County Senior Center sponsored Health Fair was a complete success. There were many booths available with any kind of information you could want. The crowd was big and the vendors had ready answers to all kinds of questions. The luncheon was appreciated by all and the food was great.

This event is very helpful not only to senior citizens but to anyone with health issues or questions. There was everything from supplements to chairs that take you up the stairs. There was information for Seniors who are looking for work and ways that help Seniors to stay in their homes.

The Fair was located at the Extension Building at the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT ANTWERP EMS BUILDING

The Antwerp EMS will be doing FREE blood pressure screenings at the EMS building at 202 W. Daggett Street, on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. till Noon. This service will take place every Saturday until further notice. This free service is for anyone wishing to keep better track of their blood pressure health.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/16/09

This 16th day of March, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 156491 through 156649 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

Travel Request:
Donald Stemen, Ohio Weights and Measures Association Conference, Worthington, Ohio - April 20-22, 2009.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:
Carol Temple, County Recorder - Ms. Temple met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss a way to better ventilate the small room in the lower level of the Courthouse that houses her scanning equipment. She's also reporting that current charges for computer-generated copies are 10¢ and \$2.00 for non-computer generated copies.

Ellen Townley - Ms. Townley stopped in and presented the 2009 Paulding County Fair programs to the Commissioners. The Paulding Progress printed 2,500 programs for the fair this year. Ms. Townley was pleased to announce that admission to the fair will be free this summer. Unfortunately the program books were printed before this decision was made.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/18/09

This 18th day of March, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 156650 through 156651 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

Receiving Bids For The PAU-C.R. 115-5.16 Bridge Replacement Over Six Mile Creek Project:

This 18th day of March, 2009, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress for two consecutive weeks, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the PAU-C.R. 115-5.16 Bridge Replacement Over Six Mile Creek Project; to-wit: **Vernon Nagel, Inc.**, 0154 County Road 11C, Napoleon, OH 43545, \$350,847.77

R. G. Zachrich Construction, Inc., 10105 Haller Street, Defiance OH, 43512, \$377,120.90

Miller Contracting Group, Inc., 1700 Fostoria Avenue, Findlay OH 45840, \$346,786.85

Executive Session:
At 11:15 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:
Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey opened and read aloud the bids for the PAU-C.R. 115-5.16 Bridge Replacement Over Six Mile Creek Project (see resolution above). Mr. McGarvey then reported on the Emerald Road Bridge, stating the wing wall needed repair. He then announced that CR 180 (Canal Road) would be closing March 30 due to new US 24. Mr. McGarvey reported Indiana's work on US 24 from the state line to Indiana 101 is currently underway. Eventually, US 24 will connect to 469 in Indiana.

Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts - Ms. Waldman presented several reports from the Clerk's legal department. The reports included a breakdown by month of total cases filed for 2009. Also included was a report of pay-outs processed by the legal department. Ms. Waldman reported the Title Office is settled in their new office in the Courthouse. She also relayed that the state should decide on title fee increases today. Title fees in Ohio have been \$5.00 for several years. The county Title Office only retains \$2.25 from each fee. The proposed increase would be \$15.00 per title with the county office retaining \$11.50.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/23/09

This 23rd day of March, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 156652 through 156787 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

Travel Request:
Susan Simpson, NW District CAO Meeting, Kenton, Ohio - March 27, 2009
In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on March 9, 2009:

- Paulding Progress, \$160.00
- John Hatcher, \$111.00
- David Hyman, \$266.76
- Mariposa Publishing, \$158.44
- Bankcard Service, \$313.48
- Cardmember Service, \$436.07
- Steve Sprow, \$150.00
- Koin Laundry, \$299.96
- Chief Supermarkets, \$822.31
- Pldg. Co. Agricultural Society, \$3,500.00
- Paulding Ace Hardware, \$115.84
- Hartzog Lumber, \$126.00
- Don & Perry, \$150.00
- Pldg. Co. Sheriff Office, \$255.64
- PC's \$ Today, \$110.00
- MASI, \$227.00
- The Hubbard Co., \$105.00
- Pldg. Co. Commissioners, \$885.75
- Help Me Grow, \$10,979.25
- Speed's Repair, \$162.95

- Nancy Albright, \$131.43
- Gary & Julia Porter, \$989.00
- Lima Fire Equipment, \$150.00
- Suzanne Shuman Rister, \$348.00
- In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:**
- The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on March 11, 2009, to-wit:
- Pierce Automotive, \$12,105.00
- In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:**
- The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on March 16, 2009, to-wit:

- Sandra S. Dieringer, \$1,626.30
- Defiance Co. Juvenile Probation, \$2,688.00
- John Hatcher, \$390.00
- Erwin Bandy, \$1,085.00
- Porter Sanitation, \$522.50
- Windstream, \$2,925.52
- C&Y Oil Company, \$155.00
- OSU-College of Veterinary, \$289.00
- Stark's, \$488.95
- Metalink Tech, \$177.80
- Carl Caryer, \$225.00
- CNT, \$662.50
- Kalida Truck Equipment Inc., \$58,600.00
- Kohli Kalihier Associates, \$1,006.47
- Haviland Drainage Products, \$1,038.40
- Ohio Gas, \$2,901.53
- Central Behavioral HC, \$1,665.00
- CLASS, \$2,800.00
- Adriel School Inc., \$4,426.24
- SAFY of Ohio, \$7,250.32
- Foundation for Living, \$11,480.00
- Duckwall - Alco Store, \$124.40
- Recovery Services of NW Ohio, \$1,067.35
- Defiance Co. Juvenile Probation, \$4,182.00
- Murv Ankney, \$366.66
- Anna Campbell, \$523.80
- PC's 4 Today, \$698.55
- Henschen & Associates, \$1,880.00
- Total ID Solutions, \$1,364.00
- Integrity Automotive Group, \$19,889.00

In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:

- Glen Troth, Joseph Burkard & Brian Gorrell, \$850.00
- In The Matter Of Authorizing The Paulding County Engineer To Advertise For Bids For The 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects:**
- That the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey, to advertise for 3 consecutive weeks in a paper of general circulation within the County for bids for the 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects; and be it further
- In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 044):**
- 044-001-00001/Equipment Expense, \$689.52

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:
Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the recent bid opening for the PAU-C.R. 115-5.16 Bridge over Six Mile Creek Project. He has been reviewing the project bids with ODOT and the County Prosecutor. Mr. McGarvey will make a recommendation at a later date.

OAKWOOD REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 2/23/09

A regular council meeting was held on 2/23/09. Those attending were Jim Varner, John Keyes, Steve Taylor, Bill Sherry, Mark Figert, and Bill Baker.

After the pledge, the clerk took roll call of councilman. All council members were present except for Adam Baker. Mayor Henke presided.
John Keyes spoke on behalf of the Ball Association. He stated that he would like to see the council get more involved by volunteer work at the concession stand. He also stated that there will be a meeting at the Legion on March 9 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. John is looking for volunteers.

Jake asked why the council was getting involved with the Ball Association as they never had before. Mayor Henke explained to Jake that a couple of years ago the Ball Association had a couple of people running and money was unaccounted for. He continued to say that the next year when someone else took over, they made three to four thousand dollars. This year the Ball Association will consist of John and Jeanine Keyes, Ronnie Coleman, Adam Baker, and Tim Erford.

John asked to go into executive session to discuss Ball Association personnel.
Phil made a motion to accept the minutes as previously mailed, Jake seconded, all in favor with no opposing.
Jake made a motion to approve the financial reports and payment of the bills, Don seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

The police report was given, the total calls for the month of January was 16. The report is on file.
Village Administrator gave his report - Don asked if they are still working on sewer problem. John mentioned that he had talked to a guy that works for the Mayor's company and they will be smoking sewer to hopefully see where problem is at. Not sure of date. Jake mentioned that when the weather gets better, he and Gary Frederick will try to figure out where this sewer problem is coming from.

Bill Baker from EMS said that they will be starting a Basic EMT class and also will be completing the refresher class for EMT's.
Jim Varner spoke for the Fire Dept. and mentioned that the SCBA's had been recertified and the trucks are or will be in for service updates and any needed repairs.
In New Business the mayor mentioned that the CCA will be at the town hall on March 2nd, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to assist with anyone needing help on Oakwood Income Tax.

Don made a motion to pass resolution 09-R-03 - re appropriate between line items, Jake seconded, all in favor with no opposing.
Jake made a motion to accept resolution 09-R-04 accepting the amended certifi-

cate of estimated resources, Don seconded, all in favor, with no opposing.

Phil made a motion for Ordinance 09-03, adopting the Ohio Basic Code 2009 Edition, Todd seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

The clerk said the police dept. is in the hole of \$110.00 and general fund only had \$2,000. She stated that there is no money to transfer. The Clerk said that she had warned council of this for three years. We simply can't afford spending the money we don't have. We get in approximately \$17,000 from county taxes and the police dept. is budgeted for about \$54,000. Clerk continued to say that the health insurance is killing the budget. She stated that she would be done with health insurance as this is tax payer money and we can't afford to pay for health insurance. When the bank went down, we did without health insurance, but when John got hired in we added insurance back in. This is breaking the town, she stated, you are planning on cutting me down, you better cut everybody or we will go broke. The clerk mentioned to Todd that he had mentioned that she was the highest paid person but wanted to remind him of council getting paid \$50.00 per meeting of one a month and the meeting may last three hours if lucky.

Todd asked what about the CD we have, can't we cash that in? The clerk said it is for \$8,900 and that won't last long. Besides that we will get penalized to cash in early.

Mark Figert pointed at Jake and Don and said Dolly told you and you when we were doing the budget, and I said I was willing to take pay cut and you guys wouldn't listen.
Carolyn stated that when the bank went down, Dolly saved the village about \$30,000 by eliminating odd and end jobs, doing away with health insurance, no mayor's court clerk. Everyone needs to cut not just clerk. Jake mentioned that they could look into a cheaper insurance program. Carolyn asked why it is okay to drop insurance then but not now. Jake answered by stating it was up to council.

Mark asked if council was going to pay for health insurance. The clerk reminded council that the economy is tough and when your people aren't working, there is no income tax being paid in and without any general operating levy, we only have income tax for most of revenue and it's basically going to police dept. to run. Council needs to realize that changes have to be made because it is only going to get worse. We simply can't keep robbing Paul to pay Peter. If we get loan, how are we going to pay back. There is no money. Mayor said cash in CD. Clerk stated she is not sure that the bank will allow another loan as we have Dodge payment, Fire/EMS building payment, and open ODNr project. There is just too much out and not enough coming in. You need to be careful or the town will go broke. The mayor stated to borrow \$15,000 and put half in general and half in police fund.

Jake said to borrow money or cash in CD, and have Insurance Company come back in as soon as possible to see if we can get different plan.

Jake made a motion for the clerk to go to bank and borrow \$10,000, Todd seconded, all was in favor except for Carolyn as she opposed.

The clerk asked about the Salary Ordinance to pass, and Todd said that he wasn't done yet as he needs to look into the minimum wage law for fire and EMS.

Don made a motion to go into executive to discuss personnel, Phil seconded, and Roll call was taken, all yeas.

Jake made a motion to come out of executive, Todd seconded, all in favor with Carolyn opposing.

Jake made a motion to adjourn, Todd seconded, all in favor.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/1 THROUGH 4/7

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4/2 - Hamburger on bun or corn dog, pickle spear, applesauce, green bean casserole, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fruit

4/3 - Cheese pizza or egg salad sandwich, peaches, salad, pretzels, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

4/4 - Breaded chicken on bun or cook's choice, pears, diced potatoes, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup

4/5 - BBQ rib patty or spicy chicken on bun, curly fries, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

April is an exciting month at Paulding Exempted Village Schools. Many of our students are preparing for state academic competitions; the result of outstanding performances at regional competitions. Our Science Olympiad Teams will be competing at the state meet for the 22nd consecutive year. Four middle school students and four high school students have earned a spot in the State Science Fair competition with Superior ratings at our regional competition. Our high school choir is also preparing for the Ohio Music Educators State Adjudicated Event which will be held in early May. We are very proud of the academic and fine arts achievements of our students, and the many outstanding staff members who work with these students on a daily basis.

Our Honeywell® Instant Alert System has been tested and is ready to be used for school delays, cancellations, absence alerts and general announcements. Each family should have received information on account setup and also have received a test message. Please contact me if you have any questions or problems with the system.

The poor economy and high unemployment rate is having a direct effect on many of our families. Please be aware that students may apply for Free or Reduced Lunches at any time during the school year. I encourage families who have a change in their income to apply or re-apply for these benefits by picking up an application in any of our building offices, or calling the building secretary to have an application mailed to your home.

I appreciate the cooperation of our students, parents and community as we continue to work together to improve the education our students receive at Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

Yours in Education,
Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Kevin Dangler

April brings both the preparation for the close of a school year and the beginning of the next. Achievement testing takes place at the end of the month for grades 3 through 5. Also being assessed this month will be second graders taking a cognitive abilities test.

Looking to the next school year our building will hold its annual Kindergarten Clinic on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1. The clinic provides an opportunity for children who will be 5 years of age on or before August 1 to register for kindergarten and receive a brief academic and fine motor skill screening by our kindergarten staff. The clinic will also provide an opportunity for parents to receive information regarding the upcoming school year. Parents are asked to bring the following items to the clinic: the child's Social Security Card, certificate of live birth, immunization record, custody papers (if applicable) and their child. Parents are asked to call the elementary school at 419-399-4656 to set up an appointment. Parents need to plan on being at the clinic for one hour.

Student fees for the 2008-2009 school year are still being taken and may be paid in the elementary office Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If you send money with your child, please put it in an envelope and mark it Student Fees. Make checks payable to *Paulding Elementary School*. Listed below is the student fee amount per grade level.

Kdg., Gr. 1 & Gr. 2: \$55.00
Gr. 3, Gr. 4 & Gr. 5: \$50.00

Our 5th/6th graders will perform a choir concert on Tuesday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the gym with the Oakwood Elementary 5th/6th graders. They will also travel to Oakwood Elementary on Thursday, April 9, to perform for their students. This is a change of dates from the original schedule.

Some of our fifth grade students took part in a Design an Ad contest sponsored by the Paulding Progress. Congratulations to our three winners: Matthew Martinez-1st place, Jordan Shull-2nd place and Sabrina Leaman-3rd place.

Parents are reminded that April 9 is a make-up day for elementary students only.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! Spring is officially here, and we are thrilled with the taste of warm weather we have enjoyed at recess off and on the past few weeks.

We have begun the fourth quarter of the

2009-2010 school year. In the classroom, we are really focusing on final preparations and review for the Ohio Achievement Tests, to be taken the last week of April. If you have not already done so, please mark the week of April 27-May 1 on your calendar. It will be very important for your child to be at school, get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast and receive tons of support and encouragement during the state testing week. Please encourage your children to continue to give their very best effort through the final quarter of the school year, finishing on a strong, positive note.

Four teams of 5th/6th graders recently competed in the Battle of the Books. The teams have been preparing for this event since September by reading books from a specific book list, reviewing setting and plot details, and memorizing authors. The team of Kassandra Cogswell, Jacob Dingus, Katelyn Johnson, Chase Mason, Mei Tenwalde and Jaycee Varner won the Oakwood Elementary competition and will represent our school at the Paulding County Battle of the Books competition on March 31. The Battle of the Books is brought to us by the Paulding County Carnegie Library and we want to thank them for partnering with our school.

On April 1, 2 and 3, Oakwood Elementary will hold spring Safe Schools drills. We will practice our fire drill, tornado drill, and lock down procedures. Members of the Oakwood Fire Department plan to be in our building during all of these drills to become more familiar with our plans and to offer suggestions for keeping our students as safe as possible in the event of an emergency. Please ask your child about these drills, possibly using your discussion to review what to do in your own home in case of an emergency.

If you have or know a child in the Oakwood Elementary district that will be five before August 1, 2009, and were unable to attend our Kindergarten Camp on March 31, please call the school office (419-594-3346) to schedule a Kindergarten Screening appointment for Friday, April 24.

Thank you for your continued support!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School. We are putting the final touches on yet another school year. Many things took place in March and I will update you on a few of them and then get into the April items.

First, we had a fabulous turnout for the local Science Fair. We had over 35 projects and 9 advanced to the District Science Fair competition held at Ohio Northern University on March 21. At that competition, Kelsi Manz, Jaci Schlatter, Brad Matson and Andrew Layman earned superior rankings and qualified for the State Science Day to be held in Columbus in May. Great job by Mrs. Favorito and all of these excellent students!

Also, middle school students Brad Matson, Elaine Smith, Emily Theilbar, The Paulding Young Men's Ensemble and the Paulding Young Ladies' Ensemble received superiors at the Junior High Solo and Ensemble competition. Congratulations to Mr. Clapsaddle and all of these fine young performers.

Our 6th grade Battle of the Books team of Ashlyn Strahley, Kathryn Clapsaddle, Shayla Shepherd, Lyndi Clinton, Rachel Dooley and Claudia Foltz qualified for the county battle of the Books competition to be held at the fairgrounds on March 31.

Third nine weeks grade cards produced 186 students who attained Gold, Green or White Club status. Remember that Gold Club is for all A's, Green for A's and B's, and White for nothing lower than a C on the grade card. Congratulations to all that have worked hard in the classroom to receive these cards.

Safe Schools Drills (tornado, fire, stay put, protective environment and lock down) will be held April 1-3 to help us prepare in case of a real emergency. Hopefully, we will NEVER have to use any of these.

There will be NO SCHOOL for Easter Break on April 9, 10 and 13 for the middle school students. Happy Easter!

Our junior high track teams will be starting action soon. The first meet will be April 2 at home against Hicksville and Bryan. Volunteers are needed to work at the home meets (April 2, April 14, April 21, April 27 or May 5). Please call the school. We can surely use your help with one or more of the events.

Over 70 middle school students are on this year's track team. The student involvement in the activities offered at school is exciting to see. Of these 70+, ALL are academically eligible to participate. Great job kids! Thank you to the coaches, Mrs. Favorito,

Mrs. Moore, Mr. Rue and Mr. Feasby, for all the time you devote to our kids. Let's bring a NWC conference title home to Paulding.

Finally, the BIG WEEK! April 27-May 1, the Ohio Achievement Tests will be administered to our students as follows:

- April 27-Reading-grades 6, 7 and 8
- April 28-Math-grades 6, 7 and 8
- April 29-Science-grade 8, Writing-grade 7
- April 30-Social Studies-grade 8

Make up tests are always hard to administer and not the best for kids, so please make every effort to have your child in attendance on testing days. Make sure they eat a good breakfast and get plenty of rest. Please stress **FOCUS**. I will be providing "Sunny D" orange drinks for all students every day and a #2 pencil to keep as a souvenir. Our goal is to pass all of these sections and once again be rated as an EXCELLENT school by the state of Ohio. We have to take these tests seriously and get to the top of the ratings.

Eighth grade graduation is set for May 20 at 1:00 in the high school gym or the last day of school if we have any cancellations.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Middle School.

High School-Todd Harmon

A big congratulation to the cast, crew and producers of the comical drama "The Nit Wits". It has been a pleasure having Ruby Crossland and Sandy Dobbelaere pick another fine production and achieve high expectations from their students. Congratulations to Dave Clapsaddle and his choir for scoring a one in district competition and advancing to the state level. Congratulations to advisors Krisi Williams, Angel Perry, Marilyn and Bill Gangwer, and all the students that attended the NW Regional Science Olympiad competition. Good luck to them as they prepare to advance to the state level. Congratulations also to Jon Chessman and the band as they scored II in competition. Congratulations to Shawn Gerber who was presented with the Ohio Schools Council Social Studies Teacher of the Year award.

We are proud of all the students that have participated in the many extracurricular offerings here at Paulding High School. We will again host an extracurricular fair for the upcoming 8th graders to showcase all the offerings at the high school. Parents, please encourage students to get involved as research has shown that students that are involved show higher academic achievement. We have excellent supervisors and coaches that care about kids and wish to help students achieve success. Spring sports are underway and we look forward to some excellent performances by our baseball, softball and track programs.

Congratulations to Katie Kohart and Audra Phlipot who earned excellent ratings at District Science Day. Earning superiors and qualifying for the State Science Day at Ohio State in May are Brooke Otto, Jessica Manz, Andy Favorito and Jessica Harpel. Brooke Otto and Jessica Manz received Outstanding Achievement for Young Women awards.

I want to thank all of the high school staff for helping our students prepare for OGT testing. It has been great to witness excellent teaching methods and I know it will be reflected on the State Report Card. PHS is always striving to excel.

Master Driving School has scheduled summer hours for June 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. Please contact Master Driving School at 1-800-580-9955 to enroll your child.

Finally, I would like to thank school nurse Beth Stoller for her active involvement in our nutritional program. Her efforts, along with physical education instructors Shawn Brewer and Brian Schang, Food and Consumer Science teacher Sue Helle and cafeteria staff headed by Patty Carlisle and Linda Wellman, have helped our school achieve several Buckeye Best Healthy School awards.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The following juniors and seniors have earned induction into the National Honor Society: Maycee Adams, Tyler Arend, Elizabeth Bradford, Jamie Buchman, Chase Burnett, Jaclyn Carr, Stephanie Donaldson, Ashley Fisher, Aaron Gross, Samantha Habern, Taylor Hatcher, Eve Kohart, Angela Manz, Staci Manz, Amanda Porter, Brian Porter, Isaac Porter, Derek Schlatter, Bryant Sheppard, Audrey Smiley, Garrett Stoller, William Wilhelm, Aurelia Wolford, Rachelle Woodring and Ashley Yant.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week, established in 1974 as a way to honor the service of people who volunteer. Paulding Ex-

empted Village Schools wishes to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone who gives of their time and talents to make a big difference in our schools.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Boys/Girls Track

Apr. 2	Bryan/Hicksville-H	4:30
Apr. 6	Spencerville @ Shawnee	4:30
Apr. 14	Van Wert/Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Apr. 16	Lincolnview @ Crestview	4:30
Apr. 21	Antwerp-H	4:30
Apr. 23	Wayne Trace Invitational-T	4:30
Apr. 27	Fairview-H	4:30

Varsity Boys/Girls Track

Apr. 7	Ft. Jennings @ Ottoville	4:30
Apr. 7	Van Wert @ Defiance	4:30
Apr. 9	Lima Bath Relays-T	4:30
Apr. 11	Lima Bath Relays-T	12:00
Apr. 14	Continental @ Lincolnview	4:30
Apr. 17	Columbus Grove Invitational-T	4:00
Apr. 21	Parkway @ Spencerville	4:30
Apr. 23	Napoleon-H	4:30
Apr. 25	Diller Invitational-T	9:00
Apr. 28	LCC @ Delphos Jefferson	4:30
Apr. 30	Hicksville-H	4:30

JV Baseball

Apr. 2	Hicksville-H	5:00
Apr. 3	Elida-H	5:00
Apr. 4	Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-T	11:00
Apr. 6	Defiance-H	4:30
Apr. 7	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Apr. 13	Ayersville-T	4:30
Apr. 14	Archbold-H	4:30
Apr. 17	Ottoville-H	4:30
Apr. 20	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Apr. 21	Miller City-T	4:30
Apr. 23	Napoleon-H	5:00
Apr. 25	Celina-T	12:00

Varsity Baseball

Apr. 4	Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-H	11:00
Apr. 6	Defiance-T	4:30
Apr. 9	Columbus Grove-T	5:00
Apr. 13	Crestview-H	5:00
Apr. 16	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Apr. 17	Tinora-T	4:30
Apr. 18	Elida-T	12:00
Apr. 20	LCC-H	5:00
Apr. 21	Continental-H	4:30
Apr. 23	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Apr. 24	Wayne Trace-T	4:30
Apr. 25	Celina (DH)-H	12:00
Apr. 27	Ada-T	5:00
Apr. 28	Archbold-H	4:30
Apr. 30	Spencerville-H	5:00

JV Softball

Apr. 3	Antwerp-H	4:30
Apr. 4	Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-T	11:00
Apr. 6	Defiance-H	4:30
Apr. 11	Lima Bath-T	12:00
Apr. 13	Crestview-T	5:00
Apr. 14	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Apr. 18	Van Wert (DH)-T	12:00
Apr. 21	Bryan-H	4:30
Apr. 23	Defiance-T	4:30
Apr. 24	Parkway-H	5:30
Apr. 25	Crestview (DH)-H	11:00
Apr. 27	Ayersville-T	4:30
Apr. 28	Wauseon-H	5:00

Varsity Softball

Apr. 2	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Apr. 3	Antwerp-T	5:00
Apr. 4	Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-H	11:00
Apr. 11	Lima Bath (DH)-T	12:00
Apr. 13	Crestview-H	5:00
Apr. 14	Montpelier-T	4:30
Apr. 16	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Apr. 17	Columbus Grove-T	5:00
Apr. 18	Van Wert (DH)-T	12:00
Apr. 20	LCC-H	5:00
Apr. 23	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Apr. 24	Parkway-H	5:30
Apr. 25	Ottoville-T	11:00
Apr. 27	Ada-T	5:00
Apr. 28	Stryker-T	4:30
Apr. 30	Spencerville-H	5:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Apr. 1	Sr. Mtg.-Cap/Gown Pick-up-Aud.	7:30a
Apr. 1	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Apr. 3	Van Wert County Foundation Rep w/ College Bound Seniors-HS Gym	8:30 a
Apr. 4	OakEl PTO Carnival	4:30-7:00
Apr. 4	FFA Banquet-Auditeria	5:30
Apr. 6	FFA Chapter Mtg.-Ag Room	7:00p
Apr. 6	Science Olympiad Bstr Mtg.-Aud.	7:00p
Apr. 7	Oak/PE 5th/6th Grade Choir Concert-PldgEl Gym	2:00
Apr. 7-10	HS Hist. Class Washington, D.C. Trip	
Apr. 9	Calamity Make-up Day-PldgEl/OakEl	
Apr. 9	NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK for MS/HS	
Apr. 9	Oak/PE 5th/6th Grade Choir Concert-OakEl	2:00
Apr. 10-13	NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK	
Apr. 14	FFA SW Skills Classic-MiamiValleyCTC	
Apr. 17	OakEl March Student/Month Lunch	
Apr. 17-18	State Sci. Olym. Contest-OSU Col.	
Apr. 21	Ranger Horton Assembly-HS Gym	8:30
Apr. 21	Progress Reports Sent Home	
Apr. 21	Board Meeting-OakEl	7:00
Apr. 21	FFA District Meeting-Parkway	
Apr. 24	OakEl. 2009-2010 Kdg. Registration	
Apr. 27-May 1	Gr. 3-8 Ohio Achieve. Tests	
Apr. 27	Band Booster Meeting-Band Room	7:00
Apr. 28	FFA Petting Zoo-AgRm	
Apr. 30	PldgEl. 2009-2010 Kdg. Clinic	
Apr. 30	FFA State AgriScience Fair-Columbus	
Apr. 30-May 2	FFA State Convention-Columbus	

CROSS CULTURE EXPERIENCE AT LATEST JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING



Six foreign exchange students gave the program on March 24 to a large audience at the John Paulding Historical Society. Pictured here left to right are Kate Cox from China,

Irene Fassio from Italy, Charline Servais from Belgium, Valentina Eldysheza from Russia, Felix Waltenberger from Germany, and Yao Zheng from China.

APRIL 1ST PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

Paulding Reservoir Softball League meeting will be held April 1, 2009 at the Red Owl Inn starting at 7:00

p.m. All managers of teams need to attend this meeting. To enter a team, please contact, 419-399-2981. Mens, womens, and coed leagues are available to schedule. Leagues will begin in May.

PAULDING LIBRARY OFFERS SPRING 2009 COMPUTER CLASSES

The Paulding County Carnegie Library has scheduled another round of computer classes for spring 2009. Four of the classes offered are new. All classes are held in the Gates Computer Lab at the main library in Paulding. Classes are free and usually run one-hour. Advanced registration is required as space is limited. All classes are taught in a casual, friendly and non-pressured environment. Register early as spaces fill up quickly. For more information and to register, call the library at 419-399-2032.

April 6th, 10:00 a.m.
April 9th, 6:00 p.m.
Introduction to Beginning Typing or Keyboarding

Intended Audience: Patrons with little or no computer experience and little or no typing skills

Typing skills are an important skill for computer use. Using online tutorials such as www.powertyping.com, students will learn the fundamentals of the QWERTY (the US standard keyboard). Students will learn proper posture, finger placement on the home row and will participate in beginning exercises. The importance of repetition and practice will be emphasized. This class will serve as a springboard for students who

want to continue to practice on their own using library or home computers.

April 14th, 6:00 p.m.
April 23rd, 6:00 p.m.

Let's Have Fun with Microsoft Word

Intended Audience: Patrons who have taken the Introduction to Microsoft Word class

Using Microsoft Word 2000, students will further explore Word and learn how to create letters, reports, resumes and much more. Other features to be explored will include inserting photos, using columns, numbering pages, etc.

April 16th, 6:00 p.m.

Learn Basic Microsoft Publisher

Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills that are comfortable with MS Word

MS Publishers is publishing software that allows you to create, customize and publish materials such as newsletters, brochures, flyers, catalogs, web sites and much more. Students will learn how to access pre-designed templates, create a flyer, and create a one-page newsletter.

April 20th, 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to Online Social Networks: Facebook & MySpace

Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills that are comfortable with navigating the Internet

Do you ever wonder what all the fuss is about? Are you curious about the online places your children and grandchildren are accessing? Students will be introduced to the online social networks such as Facebook & MySpace and learn how to create a profile on both sites. Online safety and danger issues will be discussed as well as positive benefits of participating in these popular sites.

May 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Let's Explore the Internet!

Intended Audience: Persons who are comfortable navigating the Internet

Participants will be introduced to the wonders of the Internet and the online world of cyberspace. Numerous sites will be explored, including local, commercial, governmental, health, entertainment and much, much more. Handouts will include a listing of favorite places to go for online information. Hang on and let's go surfing!

May 7th, 6:00 p.m.

May 11th, 6:00 p.m.

Let's Sell it on E-Bay!

Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer skills that are comfortable on the Internet and want to learn how to list and sell an item on E-Bay

Students will learn how to: Identify online "helps" for E-Bay; set up a home office; list an item; add photos; describe an item; determine fees; close the deal. During this class, the students will be walked through the process of actually listing an item for auction.

May 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Computer

Intended Audience: Beginners who have no experience using a computer

Does the computer scare you? Are you still reluctant to touch the keyboard? Are you afraid you might break it? If so, than this class is for you. Participants will be introduced to the computer in a friendly and non-threatening environment. Basic skills such as using a mouse (using the Gates Mouse Tutorial), opening a program, typing a letter and surfing the Internet will be covered. Relax, pull up a chair, bring your sense of humor, and let's have fun!

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE HOLDS FFA BANQUET



Vantage FFA President Rustin Adam presents a plaque recognizing this year's FFA Honorary Degree winner, Mrs. Beth Evans, at the FFA banquet as the other officers look on.

The Vantage Career Center FFA chapter held their annual Awards and Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in the Vantage Commons Area.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Kevin Anspach, owner of Hat Creek Ranch and Rodeo, who spoke about Christian Cowboys and activities at the rodeo.

The chapter honored Mrs. Beth Evans, Vantage senior English teacher, with an FFA Honorary Degree for her involvement with the Vantage FFA Chapter.

Many awards were presented to FFA members throughout the evening. Senior John Powell from Crestview and junior Wade Haller from Antwerp were presented with "Quiet Leader" awards for setting an example to others by their actions. The "110% Ag Credit" award was given to senior Pete Wellman from Parkway and junior Quintin Mansfield from Continental.

Receiving the Scholarship awards for outstanding grades were seniors Nathan Rustin Adam and John Powell from Crestview, Eric Zimmerman from Continental, Isaac Kistler from Lincolnview, Pete Wellman from Parkway and Codi Walser from

Van Wert. Juniors receiving the Scholarship awards were Wade Haller, Chas Shidler and David Schnider, all from Antwerp, Quintin Mansfield and Dalton Yenser from Continental and Spencer Gerodot and Ross Kiracofe from Crestview.

Juniors receiving the Greenhand award for their first year involvement in FFA were Wade Haller, Chas Shidler and David Schnider (Antwerp), Jared Adkins (Delphos Jefferson), Carson Laney and Austin Webb (Paulding) and Austin Craig (Van Wert).

Receiving the Chapter award for their second year as an active member of an FFA Chapter were Brett Carder (Continental), Rustin Adam, Spencer Gerodot and John Powell (Crestview), Cody Atkins (Delphos Jefferson), Adam Pohlman (Delphos St. John's), Terry Jackson (Lincolnview) and Codi Walser (Van Wert).

The Tractor Troubleshooting team of John Powell and Eric Zimmerman was also recognized at the banquet.

The banquet concluded with a power point presentation, compiled by retiring president, senior Rustin Adam.

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REVIVING FORGOTTEN MATH SKILLS FOR PARENTS

It is common for parents of elementary school-aged children to feel secure helping their children with math assignments. However, as children enroll in more advanced math classes, parents often become less confident in their ability to help their children.

To provide an extra boost of confidence, Sylvan Learning located in Defiance, Ohio is offering a free refresher workshop entitled, "Forgotten Math for Parents," for parents, grandparents and other members of the extended family wishing to restore their math skills in order to help their children learn.

"Many parents want to help their children with math homework, but when they make the time to sit down and work with their child, they do not feel comfortable with their own skill level or have simply forgotten key math concepts that are necessary for their child's academic success," says Jami Sullivan, Center Director of the Sylvan Learning in Defiance, Ohio.

"Understanding math is crucial to a child's success, as mastering algebraic concepts inherently leads to success in high school mathematics and eventual success in college and a career. Our 'Forgotten Math for Parents' seminar gives adults the opportunity to revive some of their long-lost math skills so they can become a better resource for their children during homework time."

This interactive, 90-minute seminar is designed to help parents and family members gain confidence in assisting their children with their homework by reviewing many of the key math concepts that are introduced in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Parents will be

able to review many different math concepts in order to make homework time more manageable for the whole family. Whether it is learning how to use a graphing calculator or brushing up on exponents, linear equations or fractions. Pre-algebra and algebra will also be discussed to fit your family's homework needs. Additionally, each participant will be given a listing of math resources to help your child conquer his or her math homework. The event will also feature light refreshments, a Q&A session and raffles with prizes.

The "Forgotten Math for Parents" seminar will be held on Sunday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the Defiance Sylvan Learning Center, 1018 Ralston Ave., Suite 110. Any adult interested in attending the free seminar can sign up by calling the Defiance Sylvan Learning at 419-782-8100.

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WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS AWARD CEREMONY 2009



Wayne Trace High School held its annual winter awards ceremony Monday, March 23.

Wrestling - Zach Cotterman, Most Improved, Fourth Team GMC; Cody Stahl, Most Pins, Most Valuable, Second Team GMC, District Qualifier; Kameran Clemens, Most Valuable, Ben Saylor Award, District Qualifier;

Katie Clemens, Second Team GMC, District Qualifier; (Not Pictured) Angelo Harris, All Academic GMC, Third Team GMC. Photos provided by Kelly Davis

Wrestling District Qualifiers - Cody Stahl, Kameran Clemens, Katie Clemens. Photos provided by Kelly Davis



Cheerleading - Kirsten Olwin, Coaches Award Competition; Jessyca Holmes-Coaches Award Basketball;

Megan Pierce, JV Most Improved; (Not Pictured) Brenna Dunham, MVP. Photos provided by Kelly Davis



Girls Basketball - Kacee Hockenberry, first team All Paulding County, First Team GMC, District 7 Honorable Mention, All Northwest District Honorable Mention, MVP; Janelle Davis, District 7 Honorable Mention; Jo Ellen Fickel, All Paulding County Honorable Mention, GMC Honorable Mention, District 7 Honorable Mention, Most Improved Varsity; Elyse Myers, All Paulding County First Team, GMC Second Team, District 7

Honorable Mention, Academic Achievement Award, Shelly Litzenberg Coaches Award; Sara Priest, Academic Achievement Award, Shelly Litzenberg Coaches Award; Renee Bidlack, All Paulding County Player of the Year, GMC First Team, District 7 First Team, All Northwest District Third Team, Shelly Litzenberg Coaches Award, Crescent News Player of the Week; Kelsey Heck, JV Most Improved. Photos provided by Kelly Davis



Boys Basketball - Henk Akkerman, Mr. Hustle; Caleb Davis, Van Wert County Honorable Mention, Paulding County First Team, Mr. Endurance; Tevin Hale, Second Team GMC, All District Honorable Mention, All Area Van Wert Second Team, First

Team all Paulding County, MVP; Nick LaBounty, Most Improved JV; Arthur Stoller, GMC All Academic, Most Improved Varsity; Jason Gordon, Turner Coaches Award; Derrick Baksa, Honorable Mention GMC. Photos provided by Kelly Davis

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/1 THROUGH 4/7

MS/HS - Breakfast:
4/1 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
4/2 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
4/3 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
4/6 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
4/7 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
4/1 - Cheese pizza or grilled chicken w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
4/2 - Chili soup, cheese bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
4/3 - Cheeseburger w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
4/6 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or pizzaburger w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
4/7 - Mandarin chicken, salad, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
4/1 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
4/2 - Poptart, juice, milk
4/3 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
4/6 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
4/7 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
4/1 - Corn dogs, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
4/2 - Cook's choice
4/3 - Fish w/bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
4/6 - Breaded chicken w/bun, broccoli w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
4/7 - Beef noodles or turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
4/1 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
4/2 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
4/3 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
4/6 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
4/7 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk

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4/6 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or pizzaburger w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
4/7 - Mandarin chicken, salad, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

4/7 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
4/1 - Hot dog w/bun, corn, fruit, milk
4/2 - Hamburger w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
4/3 - Chips w/cheese, green beans, fruit, milk
4/6 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk
4/7 - Ham & cheese sub, carrots w/dip, doritos, fruit, milk

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL COMING SOON

The Oakwood Elementary PTO is busy preparing for their upcoming carnival. The carnival will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium and cafeteria. There will be numerous carnival games including a cake walk and ring toss. Along with a 50/50, there will be a raffle for both kids and adults. The PTO will be hosting a supper during the carnival with a menu of tacos in a bag, hot dogs, and pizza. This will be a fun, affordable night for families. Everyone's welcome!

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Cookie. Cookie is a one to two year old male, very cute white poodle mix. He was found lost in a cemetery. Cookie can teach us all a good lesson on why it is important to take care of our dogs coats and regularly bathe and brush them.

Poodle-type dogs have hair coats that are more like hair than fur. Consequently, they do not shed much and must have their coats regularly brushed and cut to prevent tangles and matting. Poor little Cookie's fur was so matted and tangled it was painful for him to walk and the fur around his eyes was tangled and matted to the fur around his mouth so it was even difficult and painful for him to eat.

With a little patience and a lot of cooperation from Cookie, he is now free from his tangles and mats, although a bit cold and in need of a sweater!

Cookie is in need of a nice indoor home with a family that is willing to take him to the groomer for regular appointments to keep him looking and feeling great. Doggie Sudz 'n Style in Antwerp will be providing a discount grooming coupon to Cookie's new home.

Come out and see the dogs on Fridays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. or on the web anytime at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

CONNECT OHIO

By: Sue Knapp

Brad McMillen, Connect Ohio Field Director of the Ohio Northwest Region held a meeting with interested county offices and businesses on March 25 at the Paulding Fairgrounds.

Connect Ohio goals are to create a better business environment, more effective community and economic development, improved health care, enhanced education and a more efficient government for the State of Ohio.

Connect Ohio is not a broadband provider. It is working to accelerate the expansion of broadband to every corner of the state. Each community in Ohio will have a local leadership team. The members of the team come from every sector within the community such as, education, business and industry, health care, agriculture, libraries, community based organizations, tourism, parks and government.

To learn more about this or to become a member your county's eCommunity Leadership Team go to info@connectohio.org.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL REUNION HOLDS 3RD MEETING

Twenty six persons attended the AHS Reunion meeting March 18 at the Essen House.

Many classes do not have class representatives to for-

ward the week-end agenda and reservation forms to their classmates. Here is a listing of classes with NO representatives:

None before 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1958, 1960, 1963, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1985, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008.

Advanced planning is important for the AHS Reunion Planning Committee and for the classmates themselves. Many classmates live a distance away and will need sufficient time to plan for a vacation or trip back to Antwerp to see all their old friends.

Each class needs a representative to send out dates, places, times, etc. If you need the two forms (agenda & reservation) please contact:

Christy Williamson 419-258-1110,
christy.williamson@mchsi.com

The next planning meeting is April 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Essen House.

If it works into your schedule, come early for supper and conversation.

LATTA FILES DISCHARGE PETITION ON AUTOMATIC PAY RAISE BILL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) filed a discharge petition yesterday on H.R. 581, a bill he introduced on January 15th that would eliminate the automatic pay increase Members of Congress receive. The discharge petition asks for H.R. 581 to be brought out of committee directly to the House floor for immediate consideration.

"As our constituents and Nation continue to struggle through this recession, Members of Congress cannot in good faith receive an automatic pay increase. Today's discharge petition asks that H.R. 581, a bill I introduced on January 15th, be brought to the floor for immediate consideration," Latta said today after filing the petition.

"I look forward to working with members in a bipartisan manner to pass this important piece of legislation as soon as possible," Latta added.

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AND STAFF PARTICIPATED IN "HOLIDAY CHALLENGE" THIS PAST WINTER

This past winter Woodburn students and staff participated in the City Walk "Holiday Challenge." Students' goal was to participate in at least 30 minutes of cardiovascular activity three times a week for 16 weeks. Staff also participated in the challenge and their goal was to participate in the 30 minute challenge, and/or dedicate themselves to not gain more than 5lbs. over the holidays by working out and maintaining their calorie intake.

I am proud to say that we had 20 students and 16 staff members complete the challenge.

Those students completing it were:

Noah Funk, Austin Miller, Kayla Reidenbach, Lia Abbott, Micah Robbins, Sierra Hall, William Collins, Kasondra Helmke, Jerrod Rekeweg, Shawn Roemer, Sam Fisher, Michael Yoder, Makayla Henderson, Kelly Collins, Katelyn Bowers, Zach Smith, Bryce Helmke, Savannah Funk, Anna Kneller, Mackenzie Sharrar

Those staff members completing it were:

Ms. Augsburger, Mrs. Miner, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Parisot, Ms. Dawes, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Daweson, Mrs. Saalfrank, Mrs. Foust, Mrs. Salzbrenner, Mrs. Helmke, Mrs. Schaber, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Stieglitz, Mrs. Koester, Mrs. Strautman

We had two students and one staff member that had their names drawn by the City Walk "Holiday Challenge" personnel, and won gift cards at Glenbrook square.

Lia Abbott, grade 4 - \$25 gift card

Savannah Funk, grade 6 - \$25 gift card

Carla Helmke, staff - \$25 gift card

REPRESENTATIVES HUFFMAN AND WACHTMANN HONOR DELPHOS ST. JOHNS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

State Representatives Matt Huffman (R- Lima) and Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today honored the Delphos St. Johns varsity football team for winning the 2008 Division VI state championship.

Representatives Huffman and Wachtmann invited the team to Columbus to be recognized during Tuesday's session of the Ohio House of Representatives.

"Delphos is very fortunate to have such dedicated and hard-working young men in their community," Huffman said. "The example they set in the classroom and on the football field is to be commended."

"Coach Todd Schulte is a tremendous leader and true role model for his athletes," said Wachtmann. "Delphos St. Johns is very fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher and coach on their staff."

Delphos' victory against Bascom Hopewell-Loudon marked the school's fifth state football title.

WOODBURN SPRUCES UP FOR EASTER



By: Sue Knapp

Woodburn is looking a lot like spring. Lady Bugs', Barb and Judy, are putting together Easter decorations for the city of Woodburn. Local businesses sponsor the planters and they're changed for the

seasons and holidays.

While the Chamber is also involved in the planters, they are also involved in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Information for the Easter Egg Hunt will be in next week's issue.

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OUTBUILDINGS: The large wood frame barn is 38 x 45 with partially concrete flooring. There are 12 x 16 foot sliding doors on each end. The roof is a newly shingled roof. There is electric to this building. The Corn Crib Grain building is 36 x 24 with good concrete in the center alley. The Work Shop - was Chicken Coop is 30 x 20, with concrete flooring. There is then a 14 x 15 Garden Shed or Shop.
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PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PROPERTY OWNERS

ZONING PERMITS REQUIRED IN THE
 VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

Residents in the Village of Antwerp must secure a zoning permit from the Village Administrator's Office located at 109 Water Plant Drive for new construction of homes, garages, out buildings, fencing, etc. Improvements to existing homes, business or garages will be needed if the improvement enlarges the original footprint of the building. Examples would be: adding a porch, deck, sun room, anything which extends the original roof line or square footage of the building.

Zoning Permits are reported on an annual basis to the Paulding County Auditor's Office. If a zoning permit is not acquired at the time of the improvement, the improvement can be stopped until a permit is acquired and/or back real property taxes generated from the increased value of the improvement would have to be paid to the County Auditor's Office when re-assessments are done.

Questions on how to obtain a permit or what type of improvement requires a village permit can be answered by contacting the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371. Please note the permit process can take several weeks and anyone planning an improvement should contact the Administrator's office during the planning process.

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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!

TRACT 2: 38± ACRES with over 900 feet of road frontage and 1750 feet in depth. This Tract is also mostly Latty silty clay with a couple areas of Fulton silty clay loam. This tract does include a small piece of wooded area in the back.

TRACT 3: 20± ACRES with nearly 1300 feet of road frontage on T53. This could offer several potential Country Building sites along T53. There is approximately 575 feet in depth to this entire tract. The soils again are mostly Latty silty clay with small area of Fulton loam to the northwest.

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15TH ANNUAL MONTE CARLO NIGHT



Supporters of the Justin F. Coressel Animal Shelter, rural Defiance, will get the chance to roll the dice at the 15th annual Monte Carlo Night slated for Saturday, April 4. The casino night will run from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. at the Defiance Eagles, 711 West 2nd Street, Defiance.

The Defiance County Humane Society is once again hosting the event to raise funds for the animal shelter. The fundraiser is expected to raise approximately \$5,000 to supplement the general fund. The shelter's annual budget is \$150,000.

Advance tickets are available at the shelter, located at the corner of State Route 15 and Trinity Road, Deluxe Cleaners, Terri & Company Salon, Lawson Printing, Mercury Cleaners, American Family Insurance, Kissner's, or from any board member.

Activities include Black Jack, Regular Poker, Show-

down Poker, Texas Hold 'em, two big money wheels, Pot-o-Gold, Bingo, 50/50 drawings, 10 packages to raffle, a silent auction, and several door prizes will be given throughout the evening. The price of admission includes sandwiches, vegetables and dip, a variety of cheeses, chips, desserts and soft drinks and coffee.

In 2008, nearly 2,200 animals entered the shelter. Of those, 325 were adopted, 224 were claimed and 361 were rescued. Anyone wishing to adopt an animal may visit the shelter or log on to dchumane.org and petfinder.com to see who we have available for adoption. The shelter is open seven days a week from noon to 5:00 p.m. The phone number is 419/658-2298.

Attend the Monte Carlo Night for an evening of fun and to help the animals at the Defiance County Humane Society!

GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS FOR BOYS BASKETBALL 2008-09

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Boys Basketball for the 2008-09 season:

First Team - Adam Taylor, Antwerp 12; TJ Short, Antwerp 11; Logan Wolfrum, Ayersville 12; Ben Wonderly, Fairview 12; Josh Vandemark, Hicksville 12; Jon Gerken, Tinora 12

Second Team - Anthony King, Ayersville 12; Traavis Wiles, Fairview 12; Kyle Keeterle, Holgate 12; JR Wuo, Tinora 12; Taylor Wiemken, Tinora 12; Tevin Hale, Wayne Trace 12

Honorable Mention - Jeremy Seifert, Ayersville 12; Ethan Schroeder, Edgerton 11; James Elchinger, Fairview 12; Taylor Klepper, Hicksville 12; Logan Gonzales, Holgate 11; Gregg Gerken, Tinora 12; Treg Lymanstall, Tinora 11; Derrick Baksa, Wayne Trace 11

SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE® NOW COVERING ALL OF OHIO

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is pleased to announce that, through its four Ohio Affiliates, it is now able to serve all 88 Ohio counties—ensuring that breast health services are within reach for every woman and family in the state.

Prior to this expansion, 28 of Ohio's 88 counties - approximately 13 percent of the state's population - were not served by a Komen affiliate. Now the Komen affiliates have the opportunity to serve the breast health needs of an additional 784,000 women through screening, education and treatment programs.

"As a state, Ohio ranks 34th in the country for breast cancer incidence and an alarming 4th in mortality," said Mary Westphal, executive director of the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "As a result, reaching out to these underserved counties was imperative."

Of the 28 new counties, 13 exceed national mortality rates and 10 exceed both national and state mortality averages, a huge concern considering Ohio's mortality rate is so high. Incidence rates for breast cancer are on average with the state rate for most of the new counties, but screening levels are lower than the state average in 17 of the 28 new counties.

"Many of the local grants we provide support programs that reach out to the uninsured and those who can least afford medical services," said Westphal. "Given the current economy, it's more important than ever to get these critical breast health services to Ohio women where they live."

In 2008, the four Ohio affiliates of Susan G. Komen for the Cure provided more than \$3 million to local breast health screening, education and treatment programs that served tens of thousands of women, ages 15 and older across the state.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure's four Ohio affiliates added the following counties to their service areas:

Northwest Ohio (six) Crawford, Huron, Logan,

Seneca, Shelby and Wyandot
Columbus (seven) Champagne, Clark, Guernsey, Knox, Monroe, Morrow and Noble

Greater Cincinnati (eight) Adams, Brown, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Highland, Miami and Preble

Northeast Ohio (seven) Ashland, Belmont, Coshoc-ton, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Richland

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is celebrating its 27th year and is committed to saving lives and ending breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cures through a \$1 billion commitment and a host of new initiatives.

BUEHRER WORKS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CARE

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) introduced legislation yesterday which seeks to improve Ohioans' access to quality emergency medical care, while protecting our dedicated medical professionals from liability when responding to an emergency or disaster situation.

Senate Bill 86, which has bipartisan support in the Senate and has been endorsed by the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Ohio State Medical Association, would grant civil immunity to physicians and other health care professionals who perform emergency medical treatment in compliance with the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA).

The EMTALA requires medical professionals to care for patients in an emergency situation, regardless of their insurance status, ability to pay, and often, without any prior doctor-patient relationship. This presents unique challenges for physicians, nurses and other health care providers who are forced to make life and death decisions without access to critical medical information.

Buehrer explained that by giving our medical professionals liability protection in an emergency or disaster situation it will allow them to focus on providing the quickest and best quality care to those in need without worrying about getting sued.

PHS STUDENTS EARN SUPERIOR RATING AT DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR



Four Paulding High School students earned a Superior rating at the District Science Fair held on Saturday, March 21 at Ohio Northern University. The four students are Brooke Otto, Andy Favorito, Jessica Manz, and Jessica Harpel.

Brooke Otto and Jessica Manz's project was entitled "Will a Consistent Exercise Program Increase the Hand Grip in the Elderly?" Brooke and Jessica not only earned a

Superior rating on this project but also won the award for "Outstanding Achievement for Young Women."

Andy Favorito's project was entitled "Will Incorporating Music into the Teaching Methodology Improve Achievement in the Classroom?"

Jessica Harpel's project was entitled "Nature vs. Nurture - Are Identical Twins more alike than same sex Fraternal Twins?"

LATTA STATEMENT REGARDING PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Committee on the Budget, made the following statement regarding today's proceedings:

"Now that the President's outrageous spending plan has been revealed we must focus on massive cuts to the budget to bring this plan anywhere close to a reasonable dollar amount. This budget plan does nothing more than dump trillions of dollars on our future generations in debt payments so that we can fund new government programs right now. As we speak, families across the country are forced to make tough decisions with their personal finances and its time the feder-

al government does the same. We simply cannot afford the plan the President has laid out," Latta said today.

During today's committee hearing, Congressman Latta offered an amendment to permanently repeal the estate tax.

"Permanently repealing the estate tax is an important step towards securing the financial security for our future generations. As it stands, the estate tax is an unnecessary and unfair way to punish the hard work and success built over a lifetime for families. Now more than ever, people need to be able to keep money in their pockets instead of sending it to Washington," Latta commented after his amendment failed 13-23.

"We need to keep the government's cold hand out of a warm grave," Latta added.

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