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Vantage Spring Sports Spirit Day Athletes: Front center: Ryan Calvelage, Ft. Jennings Track. Row 1 (l-r): Chas Shidler, Antwerp Track; Jordan Schaffer, Parkway Track; Damian Smith, Lincolnview Track; Dustin Yoder, Continental Track and David Schneider, Antwerp Track. Row 2 (l-r): Mr. Jim Fisher, Delphos Jefferson Baseball Coach; Brad

Almandinger, Van Wert Tennis; Brandon Miller, Ottoville Track; Eric Beck, Paulding Track; Brian Voisard, Jr., Van Wert Baseball; Philip Luersman, Continental Baseball and Mr. Mel White, Paulding Track Coach. Unavailable for the picture: Stesha Oliver, Lincolnview Softball.

KINDERGARTEN CLINIC AT P.E.V.S.

Paulding Exempted Village Schools Kindergarten Clinic dates for screening and registering our 2009-2010 kindergartners are fast approaching. Oakwood Elementary will hold Kindergarten Clinic on Friday, April 24; and Paulding Elementary's Clinic dates are Thursday and Friday, April 30 and May 1. If you have a child who will be five years old before August 1, 2009, please call the school office to schedule a registration appointment. (Oakwood Elementary - 419-594-3346 or Paulding Elementary - 419-399-4656). When you bring your child to the screening, you will also need to bring the following items with you: certificate of live birth; child's social security card; current immunization record; and custody papers, if applicable.

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MORROW - STUDER



Alicia Ann Morrow of Antwerp, OH and Kevin Robin Studer of Edgerton, OH would like to announce their upcoming marriage on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Life Changing Realities Fellowship in Edgerton, OH.

Alicia's parents are Jerry Wayne Morrow and the late Lisa Maria Morrow. Alicia graduated from Antwerp

Local School in the class of 2002. She is employed by LJ's Cleaning.

Kevin's parents are Kevin Mark Studer and Suzie Ann Studer. Kevin graduated from Edgerton Local School in the class of 1998. He also graduated from Oral Robert's University in the class of 2003. He is employed by Studer and Son Custom Machining.

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OBITUARIES

Robert E. Hootman, 67, of Cecil, died at his home on Friday April 17, 2009.

He was born on June 12, 1941 in Hicksville, Ohio the son of Walter and Mary (Gibson) Hootman. He married Linda Rhinehalt on June 13, 2007.

He was employed by General Motors of Defiance and Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was also a local Auctioneer. He was a member of the Antwerp Conservation Club; The CB Club; and was an avid trap shooter, fisherman, hunter, and outdoor sportsman.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; two daughters: Denise Calhoun of Eureka, MT and Bonnie Laux of Auburn, IN; two sons: Brian (Jackie) of Hicksville, and Robert "Bobby" of Westerville, IN; several grandchildren; one great-grandchild; step-children: Lisa (Tony) Keegan of Cecil, Brent (Misty) Miller of Bryan, Julie (Darrin) McCloud of Cecil; three brothers: Roger (Ruth) of Auburn, IN, Jerald (Sue) of Ney, Allen (Arlene) of Evansport; two sisters: Juanita (John) Roush of Garrettsville, IN and Mary Eslesley of Auburn, IN.

He was preceded in death

by his parents; and two sisters.

A memorial service was on April 21, 2009 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to the Antwerp Conservation Club or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Wayne Giles Shuherk, 87, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance, OH.

Wayne was born in Allen County, IN on October 13, 1921, the son of the late Charles and Edna Peffley.

On December 24, 1940 he married Marian E. Shuherk, who passed away on June 30, 2005.

He was a life long farmer, member of the Paulding County Farm Bureau, the First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp and served several years on the Antwerp Equity Board of Directors.

Wayne will be sadly missed by his three sons: Dennis (Nancy) W. Shuherk of Swanton, OH, Douglas (Linda) W. Shuherk of New Haven, IN, Marc (Virginia) D. Shuherk of Paulding; a sister, Esther Morrow of Antwerp; a brother, Eddie Shuherk of Syracuse, IN; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are a brother, Lewis E. Shuherk; and a grandchild.

His service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, April 21, 2009 with Rev. Donna Stutzman officiating. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery Antwerp, OH.

In his memory contributions may be made to CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center, the Antwerp EMS or the Manor House Assistant Living, Antwerp. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Iona B. Wearley, 91, of Payne, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Convoy Care Center.

Iona was born in Muncie, Indiana on September 1, 1917, the daughter of the late Ray W. and Ella (Parsons) Bainbridge.

She worked as an Electronics Lab Tech at IT & T Aerospace Optical Division, Fort Wayne for 18 years retiring in 1980.

Iona was a member of the order of the Eastern Star Hesperian Chapter # 281 and a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Fort Wayne.

On June 28, 1936 Iona married Homer Wearley who passed away in 1998.

Iona will be sadly missed by her daughter, Nancy Mathews; and a son, Harley (Margaret) Wearley both of Payne, Ohio; three grandchildren: Harla (Ray) Long of Payne, Melissa Wearley of Fort Wayne, and Lisa (Bob) Holloway of Van Wert; three great-grandchildren: Rayna Long, Jared Long and Karis Holloway. She is preceded in death by a sister, Zetta Helmke.

You are invited to participate in her services at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday April 22, 2009 with Rev. Joseph Allan officiating. Viewing is Wednesday, 10:00-10:45 a.m. She will be laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Iona's name to the Heart Association c/o Hesperian Chapter # 281, Van Crest in Convoy, Ohio or to Mercer County Hospice.

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

Darwin D. Jewel, 74, of Paulding died Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on December 27, 1934 in Scott, Ohio the son of Irvin M. and M. Leota (O'Day) Jewel. On May 4, 1985 he married Ethel (Thompson) Clark who survives. He was a U.S. Army veteran, member of the Church of God, Van Wert and was employed by the Lafarge Corporation for

38 years retiring in 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel of Paulding; a daughter, Karen (John) Chamberlin of Defiance; a son, Keith (Mary) Jewel of Hicksville; six step-children: Steven Clark and Angela (Jack) Wiswell both of Paulding; Debra (Dan) Heck of Payne; Susan (Tim) Brown of Defiance; Karen (Brian) Lonerger of Fort Wayne; Pamela (Ron) Minardo of Westerville, OH; 11 grandchildren; 20 step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and three cats.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Irvin Jewel Jr.; and two infant sisters.

Graveside services were April 18, 2009 at Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding with Rev. Stan Sneeringer officiating and where the Paulding VFW Post #587 accorded military graveside rites.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com.

WHEN JESUS IS WATCHING

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

R.C. Sproul relates the following story in his book, *Pleasing God*. It seems that a certain burglar was watching as a family packed their car in preparation to leave for the holiday weekend.

Soon the bags were all stuffed in, the kids were rounded up, and the car eased out of the driveway and down the street. The crook waited until nightfall, moved quietly to the front porch and rang the doorbell to the home.

No answer. So he picked the lock and opened the front door. As he squinted into the darkened den, he asked nervously, "Anybody home?"

"I see you... and Jesus sees you," someone answered.

The voice didn't sound right. So the thief asked again, "Anybody HOME?" a little louder.

"I see you... and Jesus sees you."

By this time the burglar knew something was up. He shined his flashlight at the voice, but relaxed with relief to see a parrot on a perch.

"Whew! Just a stupid bird. That thing about gave me heart failure," the crook mumbled to himself. Convinced his night's work could start, the thief switched on the lights.

With the room lit, the burglar came to a halt. For there in the corner of the den, he now was facing the biggest Doberman pincher he had ever laid eyes on. The dog's lips silently curled, sa-

liva dripping on the carpet. A deep growl began to roll from his black throat.

The parrot looked at the dog and said, "ATTACK, JESUS, ATTACK!!"

Great story, isn't it? But it illustrates an interesting point. I wonder how many people are just like that thief, seeking to accomplish their own agendas with no idea whatsoever of the fact that Jesus sees them.

And even though they may have a casual awareness of God, they believe He has neither the interest nor the power to really do anything in their lives.

To the thief, the statement "Jesus sees you" carried little clout whatsoever. Everything looked fine. No problem. No threat.

How many folks are like that today, believing that Jesus is just a "notion" or some religious concept, rather than a Force to be reckoned with.

The tragedy is, the burglar discovered the truth when it was too late. Jesus WAS watching his every move and eventually DID do something about it. We all need to operate with that same awareness.

Jesus sees all that we do. He understands our motives, intents, and agendas. He is real. And whether we believe it or not, He will eventually step in and exact judgment toward those who refuse to do His will.

The illustration is a clever story, but sobering at the

same time, because it reflects an attitude held by so many today. Be assured, my friend, that the Lord is well aware of everything that you and I are doing. May we live in light of that truth, with the recognition that we all will stand before Him as our Judge and Sovereign King.

It should affect the way we live. And, as in the case of the burglar, it could also affect the way we die.

UPCOMING EVENTS PLANNED FOR MELROSE UMC

Melrose UMC will be celebrating a Rally Day this Sunday, April 26. We are calling it Bring A Friend day or bring someone who was at one time a member or attended Melrose. There will be a carry in luncheon following with grilled burgers and hot dogs. Church time is 9:30 Sunday School and 10:30 Worship Service.

Also, May 3rd we will be having the Mime Time from Leo, Indiana for an evening service. Please feel welcome to come and share with the mimes as they tell their story of Jesus. Worship service begins at 6:00 p.m. The Mimes are youth from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo. They are amateurs giving a professional performance. They are a blessing to watch and both young and old will enjoy their message. A free will offering will be collected.

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The Harlan Lions and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Harlan are co-sponsoring a Benefit for Little Sophia Eager **Thursday, April 30** from 4:30 - 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 18330 SR 37, PO Box 274, Harlan, IN 46743

There will be a bake sale, silent auction and a haystack dinner. Cost will be "donation only." Live music will be performing during the evening.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will also be on site to receive blood donations for Sophia from 4 - 8 pm. Call the church, 260-657-5614, to make reservations to give blood.

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ONE GOD; EPHESIANS 4:6

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Please read Ephesians 4:6 and pay close attention to what is being said. This 'one God' is the one and only true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; 'yawweh', the covenant of God of Israel; the creator of heaven and earth; the God Christians serve and worship today.

The Greek word for God is 'theos.' 'Theos' is used in reference to the Holy Spirit, Acts 5:3-4, and Jesus Christ, John 1:1-4, but most frequently it refers to God the father, II John 3, John 17:1-3, II Corinthians 1:3. All three of the god head are God, deity, divine. There is one Spirit, one Lord, and one God.

The one God of Ephesians 4:6 is God the Father. He is called I AM Exodus 3:14, Holy Father John 17:11; This isn't referring to the Pope being holy because the Pope isn't holy, he sins just like the rest of us, Just read Romans 3:23. Righteous Father John 17:25; Mighty God Psalms 50:1.

God the Father is a spirit John 4:24 and for those of us who worship Him in spirit and truth. Titus 1:2 tells us that god cannot lie. In Psalms 145:3, this verse tells us that the greatness of God is unsearchable. Today God doesn't show partiality as some teach, but treats each Christian alike, we are all equal in God's eyes, Romans 2:11. As you study the scriptures you can see right away, God's righteousness, God's love, God's truthfulness, His Jealousy, His Mercy, His grace and the attributes of God go on and on.

God is love 1st John 4:8, but god being love, He doesn't overlook our sins. As it tells us in Isaiah 59:1-2, sin separates us from God and in order for you and I, those that are Christians we must pray and ask for forgiveness of our sins; 1st John 1:8-10.

To receive the benefits of his blood, one must obey God's word, 1st Peter 1:18-19, 22; Matthew 7:21-23. Before one can become a Christian

they must hear the word Romans 10:17; then one must believe in Jesus John 8:24; Repent of Sins Luke 13:3; Confess Jesus Acts 8:36-37; be baptized to wash away thy sins Acts 22:16; Mark 16:15. Remember Jesus loves you and so do I! For Bible questions please call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-5022.

"SEVEN" COMES TO HICKSVILLE

The gospel music group, "Seven", is performing a free concert at First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome. Donations are also accepted.

The group is based in Bowling Green, Kentucky and is currently on tour promoting their new album called "He Loves Us All", which is due to be released in a few weeks.

The name, "Seven", comes from the biblical reference of the number for "completeness".

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our many friends, neighbors, and relatives for the cards, prayers, flowers, memorials, and food sent to us in memory of our mom, Betty DeLaet.

We are especially grateful to Dr. Halachanova, Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care. We also wish to thank Von Dale Bendele, Lillian Betz, Rita Diaz, and Den Herder Funeral Home for their support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
—the family of Betty DeLaet,
Steven DeLaet,
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The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
4/13 - Murl Krick, Paulding
4/16 - Randy McNamara, Payne; Elizabeth Goode-nough, Paulding
Dismissals:
4/13 - Eleanor Gerber, Melrose; Lorine Ross, Paulding
4/17 - Murl Krick, Paulding; Randy McNamara, Payne

TICK TIME!

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

With warm weather brings the beginning of the tick season. The primary ticks encountered by people and their pets in Ohio are the American dog tick and the brown dog tick. Another tick which has been found the last 10 years is the lone star tick. All ticks are parasites that feed on the blood of animals. Of the three, the American dog tick is encountered the most often.

The American dog tick is most often picked up when walking in fields and woods. American dog ticks occur primarily in overgrown vacant lots, fallow farm fields, weedy roadsides, and edges of paths and hiking trails. The immature stages of this species feed on rodents and other small mammals. Adults of the American dog tick are most abundant from mid-April to mid-July.

Brown dog ticks rarely attack humans. Rather, dogs are their preferred host. All stages of the brown dog tick feed on dogs and they may attach anywhere on its body. However, adult ticks typically attach on the dog's ears and between its toes, whereas larvae and nymphs typically attach on the dog's back. After feeding, they drop off the host but do not travel far. Brown dog ticks are pests in kennels and areas where pets sleep. These ticks do not thrive in wooded areas. Nonetheless, they may occur in grassy and bushy areas adjacent to homes and kennels, roadsides, and footpaths.

Lone star ticks are common in the southern half of Ohio. All stages can be found throughout the warm months of the year. This species typically occurs in shady locations along roadsides and meadows and near the edges of wooded areas.

Ticks locate their hosts by climbing to the tips of vegetation and extend their front legs out away from their bodies. They hold on to the vegetation with their remaining legs. As potential hosts pass by questing ticks, the hooks on the ends of the front legs become attached to the host and pull the tick from the vegetation. Once on the host, ticks seek areas to settle, insert their mouthparts and begin feeding. Ticks will also travel short distances toward a carbon dioxide source to locate potential hosts.

To avoid picking up ticks outdoors, keep the lawn mowed and stay on paths when walking in wild areas. Tuck pants inside socks and/or boots and keep shirts tucked in as well, because ticks crawl upward. Wear tick repellents when working in a wooded area, and treat dogs with appropriate repellents

labeled for their size.

If an engorged or swollen tick is found attached to a person, try to identify the tick and keep it alive in a small bottle with a damp tissue for several weeks. If a fever or rash occurs, the victim should take the live tick to a doctor to send to the Ohio Department of Health for testing.

To remove an engorged tick, grasp the body of the tick as near to one's skin as possible with forceps and pull slowly and steadily so that the mouthparts are removed instead of being broken off under the skin. Wash the area with soap and water immediately after removing it. If you must remove the tick by hand, make sure to wash your hands and the area where the tick was attached.

After removal, keep the tick alive for a month in case symptoms of a tick-borne disease develop. Place the tick directly into a sealed labeled container, bag or vial with a lightly moistened paper towel then store at refrigerator temperature.

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER RECOGNIZES BLUE CHIPPERS



Front row (seated) Jasmine Boop (CV), Kyle Hoffman (Kalida) and April Clark (WT); Back row: Josh Dealy (CV), Cody Butler (CV) and Tyler Johnson (CV).

PAULDING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RELEASES GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard, announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted ten persons on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

Harold Shepherd of Star City, AR - Non-support of dependants, F-5

Amanda King - Theft, F-5

Nicholas E. Metcalf - Theft, F-5

Adam J. Baker of Oakwood, OH - Disseminating

harmful to juveniles, F-5; Illegal use of a minor in nudity material or performance, F-5

Paula K. Wilder of Van Wert, OH - Theft, F-5; Forgery, F-5

Douglas Hook of Paulding, OH - Receiving stolen property, F-5

Michael Lehman - Non-support of dependants, F-5 - 3 counts

John Meglich - Illegal cultivation of marijuana, F-2

Tyler J. Levos of Paulding, OH - Driving while intoxicated, F-4

Steven Fenter of Oakwood, OH - Domestic violence, F-4

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Responses need to be received by Friday at 5:00 pm to be considered for the next publication. We reserve the right to edit for length, content and worthiness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last Wednesday marked a milestone for Americans nationwide to speak out against the IRS and the Federal Reserve. I'm sure everybody heard about the tea parties that took place in every state. It was very significant that more and more people are saying enough is enough.

How many of you actually know where your income tax really goes? It goes directly to the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve is the central banks. The Fed gives the central banks the money and they give a very small portion to the US Treasury. President Woodrow Wilson created the Fed and the IRS in 1913 which in turn gave the banks control of the money.

Congress can overspend and turn around and borrow money from the Fed. The Fed 'loans' the money and then we are taxed to pay for the loan. This is a huge scam! If the money was originally tak-

en from us in the form of income tax why should we pay new taxes to cover the 'loan' which was our money to begin with? Confused yet?

Many people have a hard time understanding where income tax goes. They think it goes directly to the government to cover bills that need to be paid. It is simply not true. That is where the tea party comes in to the picture. People have started to realize it is one big scam and they want an end to it. I understand some tax are necessary to pay bills, just not a tax on our earnings. This is nothing new though. Ron Paul has been speaking of this for years. If the media wasn't controlled by the government he could have been heard world wide about his plan to abolish the IRS and the Fed. I guess the American people will have another four years of wasteful spending at our cost.

In the meantime, there is a video that can be viewed on google video called America: Freedom to Fascism by Aaron Russo. It is a documentary he did a few years back about the IRS and the Fed. He has a line in it that sums up the Fed, "The Federal Reserve is no more federal than Federal Express." I recommend everybody that has a computer to watch it. It is pretty disgusting what he found. And please, don't go and not pay your income tax, they will hunt you down. Call or write your congressman and senator to let them know of your displeasure. It will take the entire country to stand together to stop the madness.

"If the American people ever allow the banks to control the issuance of their currency, first by inflation, and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property, until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered. The issu-

ing power of money should be taken from banks and restored to Congress and the people to whom it belongs. I sincerely believe the banking institutions having the issuing power of money, are more dangerous to liberty than standing armies."—Thomas Jefferson

—Tim Dauten

V.E.T.S. 4/16/09 MEETING & UPCOMING EVENTS

Nancy Lichty reported that donations and veteran's discharges continue to come in. The Tom Schmunk family has graciously asked friends and loved ones to donate to VETS in lieu of flowers; over \$620 has been given so far. Back by popular demand, an order of 200 Taste of Freedom Cookbooks was placed and should arrive mid May. Wright Patterson bus trip tickets have been slow, but May should bring in the reservations needed to fill a bus load. With expenses paid, savings acct. balance is \$25,537.66.

Lori Manon reported the New to You Jewelry Sale at the Manor House preparations are complete and VETS is looking forward to watching the residents and families shop. She is compiling some history of the Civil War monument, along with its recent restoration process for an upcoming news article.

Faye Bauer reported the American Legion Riders from Payne Post 297 have completed the details for the upcoming July 11th V.E.T.S. Memorial and American Legion Riders Poker Run. Flyers are made and ready to be distributed. The run will include motorcycles and autos to allow everyone to enjoy the fun day. Proceeds will be shared with the V.E.T.S. Memorial Fund.

Keith and Joyce West have distributed the Veterans Meat & More Raffle tickets and sales will be ongoing until winners are announced June 13th at the Cruise-in. They continue to send out business and organizations donation requests and located a website for Ohio Stimulus Grant funds.

Karen Sanders reported VETS are still waiting on an estimate for the Monument lighting. Advertising is ongoing for the bus trip. News articles are in the papers for garage sale donations to VETS and announcing the jewelry sale at the Manor House. Nancy will continue listing veteran's names to be engraved on the memorial

in her news articles, starting with WWII alphabetically. It is her hope that those who haven't turned in their information will soon do so. Monetary grant requests were filed to the State of Ohio as a part of the stimulus money and to Defiance Wal-Mart for consideration. Permission is pending to use the lawn and parking area at the former Ice Cream Depot during Big Boy\$ Toy\$ Car Show July 25th.

V.E.T.S schedule of fund-raising events for May & June 2009

MAY:

The Meat & More Raffle is ongoing until the winners are drawn June 13th at the Cruise-In held in Riverside Park from 5:00-8:00 p.m. following the 2-day Village-wide Garage sales. 1st \$150 and 2nd \$100 gift certificates, 3rd approx. 14# Streak Loin, 4th approx. 12# Pork Loin, all from Kammeyer's IGA, and 5th a V.E.T.S. T-Shirt.

Monday Night May 11th - a Cruise-In will be held in the Antwerp Park from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, food and beverages. Everyone welcome. Free Will donations accepted. Proceeds to the VETS Memorial.

Saturday May 30th - Join V.E.T.S. on a bus trip to Dayton Wright Patterson Air Force Museum & the Greene Shopping Mall. Admission to the museum is FREE, see the only B-52 Stealth Bomber on permanent display, experience the Giant-IMAX theater, and view over 300 Aircraft & Missiles. The fun-filled day draws to a close at the Greene with shops and restaurants to suit everyone. Leave Antwerp School at 6:45 a.m. on Star of America bus. Make checks payable to Sue Beck, our tour director, and mail to V.E.T.S. P.O. Box 742, Antwerp OH 45813. Questions? Call Karen at 419-399-5764. (Bus seating is limited to 52 so don't wait until the last day) Proceeds to VETS memorial.

JUNE:

Friday & Saturday, 12 & 13 - Antwerp Chamber Village-wide Garage Sales - V.E.T.S. will set up at the main pavilion in the Park both days from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and a Cruise-in will follow from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Saturday the 13th. Everyone welcome!

Saturday the 27th - Antwerp Men's & Women's Golf outing at Pond-a-River Golf Club. Proceeds to V.E.T.S.

Donations are appreciated: V.E.T.S. P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF 4/22 THROUGH 4/28

4/22 - Chicken fajita or fish on bun, mixed fruit w/ mellow, green beans, milk; PLUS: taco bar

4/23 - Goulash or chicken nuggets, carrots & dip, pears, cheese snack, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cake w/strawberries

4/24 - Pepperoni pizza or ham salad sandwich, rosy applesauce, celery, vanilla wafers, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

4/27 - Smokey or grilled chicken on bun, mixed veggies, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

4/28 - Turkey & cheese on bun or spicy chicken strips, tater tots, cinnamon apples, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownie

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The preschool staff is fully trained in all areas of early childhood development. They have attended trainings on the early learning content standards and are certified in the assessment tools of early literacy testing required by the State of Ohio. The preschool is state licensed and contracted with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool is also proud to be a Step Up to Quality program for the second year in a row.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE

On Wednesday, May 6, 2009 there will be an Ice Cream Social at the Oakwood American Legion Hall. Starting at 5:00 p.m. the social includes soups, sandwiches, dessert and homemade ice cream. Please come and enjoy good food and fellowship. The Ice Cream Social is sponsored by the Heitmeyer Funeral Home Team and proceeds go to Relay for Life.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/22 THROUGH 4/28

Breakfast:
 4/22 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 4/23 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 4/24 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 4/27 - Pizza, juice, milk
 4/28 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 4/22 - Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, mixed fruit, milk
 4/23 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, mandarin oranges, milk
 4/24 - Breaded chicken sandwich, seasoned fries, pineapple, milk
 4/27 - Mac/cheese, peanut butter sandwich, mixed veggies, applesauce, milk
 4/28 - Cheeseburger sandwich, potato wedges, Raider fruited jello/whipped topping, milk

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/22 THROUGH 4/28

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 4/22 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 4/23 - Sausage & egg burrito, juice, milk
 4/24 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 4/27 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 4/28 - Sausage, pancake breakfast sandwich, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 4/22 - Popcorn chicken or stromboli, broccoli w/cheese or baby carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, milk
 4/23 - Bar-b-que pork w/ bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 4/24 - Chicken fajita, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk
 4/27 - Biscuits & gravy or grilled chicken w/bun, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk
 4/28 - Teriaki chicken breast, vegetable fried rice, seasoned bread stick, fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 4/22 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 4/23 - Poptart, juice, milk
 4/24 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 4/27 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 4/28 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 4/22 - Taco salad w/lettuce, cheese & salsa, assorted fruit, milk
 4/23 - Sloppy joe w/bun, sweet potato fries, assorted fruit, milk
 4/24 - Cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 4/27 - Ravioli, green beans, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 4/28 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 4/22 - Moco roos cereal, juice pak, milk
 4/23 - Whole grain straw-

berry poptart, juice, milk
 4/24 - Assorted cereals, fruit, milk
 4/27 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
 4/28 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 4/22 - Chicken noodle soup w/crackers, celery w/peanut butter, fruit, milk
 4/23 - Bar-b-que pork w/ bun, scalloped potatoes, fruit, milk
 4/24 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk
 4/27 - Cheese bread stick w/sauce, lettuce salad, fruit, milk
 4/28 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread, fruit, milk

BOY SCOUT RECYCLING THIS SATURDAY

The Boy Scouts of Antwerp will be accepting recyclables at the Antwerp Fire Hall on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Accepted materials include: cardboard, glass, newspapers in brown bags, aluminum and steel cans.

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR AT WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

HIGH HONOR:
 5th grade - Gavin Keller, Torie Moore, Brice Rekeweg
 6th - Shawn Kitzmiller, Dylan Gerig
HONOR:
 5th - Jason Lindberg, Caroline Meyer, Spencer Sharrar
 6th - Swalone Hoepfner, Madison Swalone
 7th - Morgan Gerig, Sam Hathaway
 8th - Devin Hoepfner



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Cotton. Cotton is a very sweet little white poodle. She is a young adult and seems to be housetrained.

Also at the shelter we have labs, lab mixes, beagles, hounds, australian shepherd, akita mixes, and a shepherd mix.

After a few slow weeks the shelter once again has several dogs coming in everyday. The shelter only has twelve dog runs, so getting the dogs adopted quickly is very important. If anyone wants to come and see the dogs before Friday please call the office at 419-399-9728 and set up a visitation appointment.

CURVES OF PAULDING PARTNERS WITH AVON TO CONTINUE THE LARGEST WOMEN'S FITNESS STUDY

Study participants in the single largest women's fitness study ever conducted reported losing a total of two elephants—18 tons—last year. Based on the preliminary results from the 2008 Curves/Avon Fitness Study, 20,141 participants lost a total of 36,000

pounds—the equivalent of two elephants—during the 30-day study. And Curves of Paulding is looking for local women to participate in this study as it continues in 2009.

Participants will have access to the Curves workout for 30 days must complete at least 12 workouts over a 30-day period, with a minimum of three workouts per week. In addition, participants will receive pre-and-post fitness evaluations, results you can track and compare, and supervised training from a Curves trainer. As an added incentive, each participant who completes a post fitness evaluation at the end of the study will receive a free gift courtesy of Curves and Avon.

"With so many fitness choices, this is a great, no-obligation way for women to see the actual results they can get in just 30 days at Curves. "Our goal is to provide women with a proven weight loss program that fits into the busy lifestyle's at a price that fits in today's budget."

The Exercise and Sports Nutrition Laboratory at Texas A&M will continue evaluating the research and analyzing the results, which will then be published in various journals. Preliminary numbers from the initial 2008 Curves/Avon Fitness Study reported 20,141 participants losing approximately 36,000 pounds (18 tons) and approximately 75,000 inches (21 football fields) in just 30 days.

For more information on the Curves/Avon Fitness Study, please contact Glenda Ferris at 419-399-9229, or visit the Paulding Curves location at 101 W. Perry St. Additionally, Curves is offering a Shape Up for Summer Weight Loss Challenge for Members and Non Members. This will begin the week of April 18th through June 5th. Please call the Paulding Curves location for details.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 4/8/09

The Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio met on April 8, 2009 with the following members present:

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

Allowance Of Claims:
 Warrants docketed as 157253 through 157280 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

In The Matter Of Awarding Bid For The Pau-C.R. 115-5.16 Bridge Replacement Over Six Mile Creek Project:

Bids were received and opened for the PAU-C.R. 115-5.16 Bridge Replacement Over Six Mile Creek Project; and The Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey is recommending to the Board of County Commissioners to accept the submitted bid from Vernon Nagel, Inc.; now therefore

The Board of County Commissioners awarded the PAU-C.R. 115-5.16 Bridge Replacement Over Six Mile Creek Project to Vernon Nagel, Inc. in the amount bid by them of \$350,847.77.

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 054):

The Board of County Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 054, to-wit:

Fund 054 - CCCP, 054-001-00003/ Payroll Expenses, \$3,000.00

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

David Harrow, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Harrow presented his office reports for March, 2009. He reported an average of 15 inmates per day being housed at the Van Wert facility, with an average stay of about 9 days each. Deputies transported a total of 96 inmates in 52 trips to Van Wert in the month of March. Outhousing costs paid to Van Wert County totaled \$19,409.58 for March and \$55,749.13 for the first quarter of 2009.

Tony Langham and Joe Burkard - Mr. Langham presented preliminary information on a Port Authority Coop Agreement with several other counties. He will keep the Commissioners abreast of any future meetings on this matter.

VETERANS' PHOTOS WANTED FOR MILITARY DISPLAY IN HICKSVILLE!

To continue celebrating the 70th anniversary of Hicksville library services and to honor our veterans and military families, the Friends of the Hicksville Library are asking military families to share photographs of veterans and active service men and women with the Johnson Memorial Library. The library would like to honor our veterans and service members through a photo display, which would be on exhibit at the Johnson Memorial Library from Armed Forces Day, May 16, through Memorial Day and D-Day on June 6.

The library is accepting photos anytime. The photos will be scanned for the display with the original photos returned to the families. The library would like to display photos of veterans and service members that either lived or worked in Hicksville.

"We are looking for photos and any information that families would be willing to share on Hicksville-area veterans," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "We would like to honor as many of our veterans as we possibly can from both war time and peace time including veterans from the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II,

the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf War, and the War on Terror. This is our opportunity to remember and honor the sacrifices our veterans, service members, and their families have made."

Among those to be honored are Benjamin Edgerton from the Spanish American War, nine Hicksville men killed during World War I near Meuse Argonne (Earl Myers, Peter Meyers, Edward Smart, Linton Foster, Steven McKinley, Ralph Mabrey, Ellis Dull, Tracy Clark, and Donald Cottrel), at least eight Hicksville men killed during World War II (Meridian Cahill, Lee Bell, Lowell Stuckman, Robert Harkey, Rex Green, Paul Folk, Lloyd Amaden, and George Worrick, Jr.), DeMar Keener - one of the last casualties of the Korean War; in addition to the many veterans, who returned safely from those and other conflicts, and our current service men and women.

The photos may be dropped off at the Johnson Memorial Library, mailed to JML, 116 W. High St., Hicksville, OH 43526, or emailed to murphyam@oplin.org. If mailed, please include a return address for the original photograph.

For more information on the veterans photo display, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

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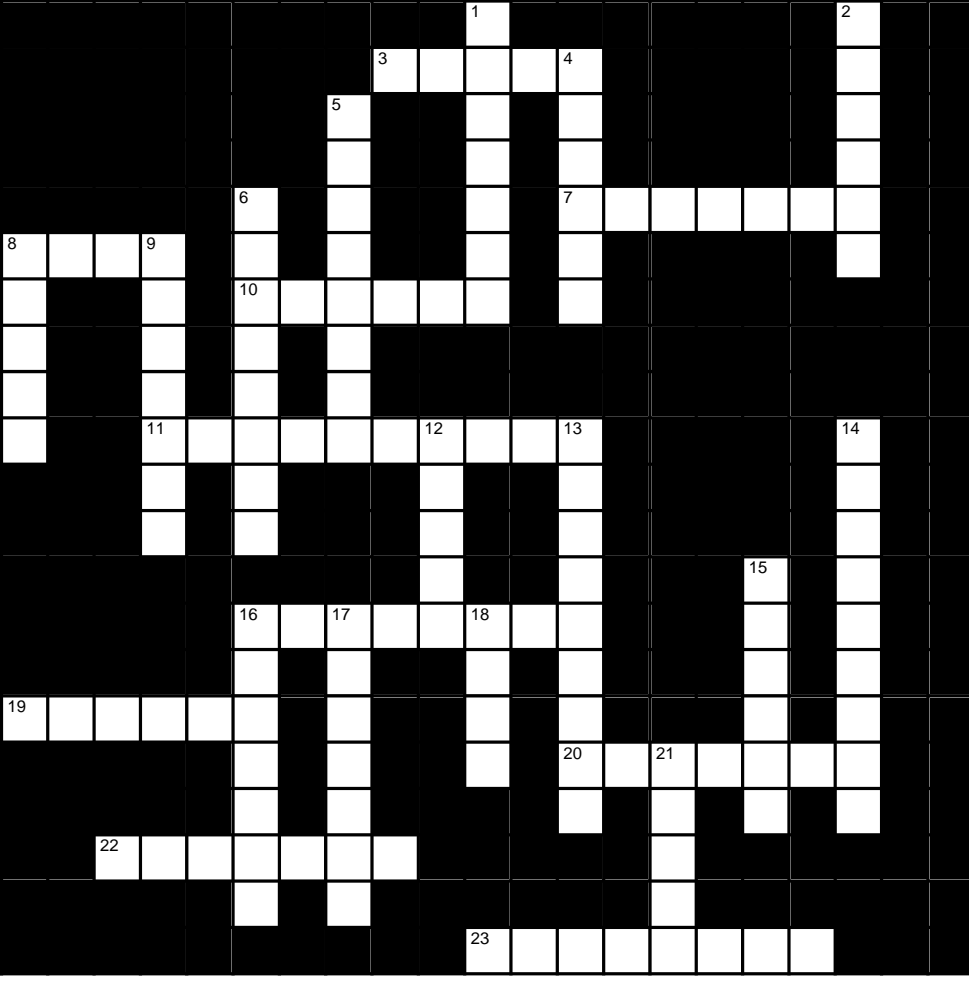
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Across

- 3. Grant us another term!
- 7. America needs a change!
- 8. 54-40 or Fight!
- 10. It's morning in America!
- 11. I Like Ike!
- 16. Enough is enough!
- 19. A chicken in every pot & a car in every garage!
- 20. Vote yourself a Farm!
- 22. All the way with LBJ!
- 23. A full dinner pail!

Down

- 1. Let the people rule!
- 2. A leader for a change!
- 4. Give 'em Hell, Harry!
- 5. Save the Union!
- 6. Tippecanoe & Tyler, too!
- 8. Ross the boss!
- 9. We can do better!
- 12. Yes, We Can!
- 13. Better a third term than a third rater!
- 14. Mama, where's my pa!
- 15. He kept us out of war!
- 16. Return to normalcy!
- 17. Putting people first!
- 18. 4 more years!
- 21. For the Future!

PARENTING ENRICHMENT CLASSES TO BE OFFERED AT OSU EXT. OFFICE

The OSU Extension Office will be offering Parenting Enrichment Classes for parents of children ages 1-4. The classes will be on Mondays, starting April 27, 2009 and last for 4 weeks. Each class will start at 1:00 and go until 2:30 p.m. and is located at the OSU Extension Office. There is no charge to attend these classes. Pre-registration is required. Anyone with questions or who would like to register for the classes can contact OSU Extension at 419-399-8225.

RED OWL FOR RELAY!

Sunday, May 3, 2009 the Red Owl Inn is sponsoring a Co-Ed Softball Tournament with portions of the proceeds benefiting Relay For Life. The event will take place at the Payne Ball Fields. There is a registration fee to enter your team, with limited registration. The tourney will run from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and

will be a round robin. Co-Ed teams consisting of players aged 14 and up can call Tammy at the Red Owl to register or for more information by calling 419-399-2200. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. Please come out to play or just watch and have a great time all while benefiting Paulding County's Relay for Life.

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This 1st day of April, 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
- Travel Request:** Roger Taylor, OSAVSC Spring Conference, Dublin, Ohio - April 3-5, 2009
- Greg Geyer, OSAVSC Spring Conference, Dublin, Ohio - April 3-5, 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 23, 2009
- Imaging Office Systems, \$133.08
- Jeffrey J Howath, \$180.00
- Van Wert Fire Equipment Co., \$187.59
- Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, \$7,170.78
- Comp Management Inc., \$950.00
- Brown Supply Co., \$124.50
- Paulding Ace Hardware, \$119.79
- Brune Printing Co., \$132.00
- Campbell Petroleum Co., \$158.87
- Paws & Remember, \$183.45
- Paulding Progress, \$413.50
- Newman Signs Inc., \$2,791.56
- Maumee Valley Planning Organization, \$2,290.10
- Treasurer State of Ohio Dept of MRDD, \$32,000.00
- Treasurer State of Ohio Dept of MRDD, \$6,766.95
- Treasurer State of Ohio BCI&I, \$375.00
- Treasurer State of Ohio BCI&I, \$140.00

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

- Glen Troth, Joseph Burkard, & Brian Gorrell, \$850.00
- Office Equipment Finance Services, \$190.79
- Dayton Legal Blank Inc., \$333.23
- Todd Wolfrum Esq., \$621.00
- American Electric Power, \$1,796.16
- Ohio Gas Company, \$1,727.77
- Fund 42, \$700.00
- Benschneider Auto, \$234.24
- Gasoline Equipment, \$3,454.32
- Anthem BC BS, \$16,804.96

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 252):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds: FROM: 001-016-00002/Commissioners' Building & Grounds/Capital Projects TO: 001-016-00007/Commissioners' Building & Grounds/Contract Services AMOUNT: \$3,750.00

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 252):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:

- FROM: 001-030-00004/Insurance/Loss Control/Salaries/Loss Control
- TO: 001-001-00002/Commissioners' Salaries/Employees
- AMOUNT: \$103.54

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Carol Temple, County Recorder - Ms. Temple announced that House Bill #1 was introduced on February 21, 2009. This bill proposes an increase in recorders' fees from the current \$14.00 for the general fund and \$14.00 for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund to \$34.00 for the general fund and \$14.00 for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. The passing of this bill would mean additional dollars for county recorders' offices.

Don Stemen, Weights and Measures Inspector; and Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Mr. Simpson introduced Mr. Stemen. She explained that Mr. Stemen is 'shared' with Van Wert County. Mr. Stemen then presented the Weights and Measures 2008 Annual Report. He explained his duties include making sure various scales are accurate. He routinely checks gas pumps, deli and produce scales in grocery stores, grain elevator scales, fuel truck pumps, school scales, and the county health department scales, just to mention a few. Mr. Stemen demonstrated his 'weight' kit, which he uses for small scales. The weight kit is certified every 3 years for accuracy. Mr. Stemen reported he began working for Van Wert and Paulding Counties in 1998 and he commended the County Auditors for their cooperative efforts to make the job-sharing successful.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met briefly with the Commissioners to recommend a contractor for the CR-115-5.16 bridge project. He also reported his staff is currently working on several drainage projects. The Northwest Ohio Commissioners' and Engineers' Meeting was set for May 4, 2009. Paulding County will host the meeting this spring.

Tony Langham, PC Economic Development; and Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor - Mr. Langham and Mr. Burkard met with the Commissioners to discuss possible levy options for on the fall ballot. It was noted that most grants for capital and infrastructure projects require a local dollar match and Paulding County does not have cash reserve for that purpose.

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CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR MARCH 16, 2009

Chief Carpenter stated the Department of Justice has a grant available to pay a full time officers salary for three years with the City paying the salary the fourth year. The City then has the option to retain or dismiss the officer after the fourth year. Chief will check into this further.

Mayor stated the Bill getting rid of township trustees is dead for the time being. The Townships are still looking into the process to combine and take over the fire department, parks and poor relief. Mayor received the construction contract for the water line replacement on Main St. from Schnelker Engineering; total \$76,435.00. Other additional cost will be for asphalt, concrete, any change orders and the Verizon building tap; a reduction in amount will be not putting in the additional fire hydrant. Mayor and Clerk Treasurer signed the notice to proceed. Mayor reported that East Allen County Schools would be sending a check for the utility billing issue that was found. Paper work for the storm damage reimbursement was submitted. Resident on College St is asking for a discount to sewer due to a leak at the water heater. Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor would like to install a door on the shed at the maintenance department; he will install it at no charge. He would like to purchase a large deck box to store Christmas decorations. Councilmen made motions to approve the purchase and installation of the door and the purchase of a deck box, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor Hoepfner stated Nelson Peters would be coming to look at some areas in town; Mayor would like to take him to lunch. Councilmen made motions to approve paying for lunch, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor stated there will be a construction meeting with Underground Contractor Inc. for the water line replacement on Main St. They will be starting construction on Becker and Main St., there should be three openings for boring. The water line will be accessed at the Bull Rapids intersection by opening the road. This will shut the intersection for 2-3 days. It will be filled for now and repairs will be done at a later date when the asphalt companies open. This should be a 2-3 week project. Mayor will speak with business owners about the construction.

Minutes were submitted for approval, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were submitted for approval, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa will be out of the office from March 19-27, can be reached by cell phone if needed. Lesa will reprint and distribute new Tornado awareness flyers. In the event any residents need to seek shelter from a storm they can go to Christ Lutheran Church or the American Legion basement.

Ryan Walls reported maintenance work on the water tower is complete. The storm drain is open on Woodburn Rd. A catch basin will be put in and contact T & C to repair concrete. Councilman Mason

stated police department needs to order ammunition, he will order the requested ammunition.

Councilman Reichhart spoke with the NIRCC concerning negotiating their bill for grant writing; it is based on cost per hour. Councilman made motions to pay their first bill of \$4486.25, but not the second bill submitted, all agreed, motion passed. Councilman Norden feels they have done the work and should be paid, he made 1st motion to pay the second half of their bill amount of \$242.34, there was no 2nd; motion is dead.

Councilman Zimmerman would like to see the sidewalk on the east side of Elm St. completed; Mayor stated we would look at this when the parking lot of the U.S.W. lot is asphalted. There was discussion of a sidewalk on Front St., Mayor stated it is possible when the new sewer line is put in on Front St. there may be a walk way.

Councilman Clegg ask if there were any more estimates for a shed to be put at the recycling center for the Lutheran School kids to get in out of the weather. Lesa stated if all proceeds from the recycling go to the Lutheran School, it should be purchased from the proceeds; this is not a City issue. Councilman Norden stated this is not an issue with the warmer weather. It is possible it may be donated. Councilman Clegg would like to pave the alley between National City Bank parking lot and Stenger St., Councilman Reichhart stated there is not a good enough base. Councilman Clegg recommended putting in a gravel base. Councilman Mason stated it should be blacktopped. No action taken at this time.

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

CO-ED SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE AT PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK

A summer co-ed softball league is now forming at Paulding Reservoir Park. The league will be played on Monday nights starting May 18 through July. The first eight teams to sign up will play. Call 419-399-2981 to register.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

A couple of weeks ago I received a letter about 'where pigs fly.' It was very unaccustomed of me but I misplaced that letter. It was from a lady in Indiana who had grown up between Antwerp and Cecil, Ohio. Her maiden name was Stewart. I had read this story a couple times before I lost the copy. It even gave her name at the end, but my memory can't come up with it. I think it was Etta Stewart Wise from Porter, IN or Proctor, IN. I'm not sure about any of this, but the story is so good I'm going to retell it if I can.

It was butchering day on the farm of Owen Stewart. This is probably in the late 1930's or the early 1940's. I imagine that our writer was a little girl at that time and probably ran a lot of errands.

Anyhow, the hog was killed and a big 55 gallon drum had been sitting on the fire for sometime with the scalding hot water as was the custom in home butchering.

If I remember right they had a hip-roof barn and the hay track ran out the end of the barn some 30-40 feet above the ground.

This is how they put up the hay into the barn in the summer. They would load the hay onto slings and then pull them up the end of the barn to the hay track and then inside to where they wanted it dumped.

Well, they had rigged the hay ropes up in the same fashion so they could lift the scalded hog carcass a lot easier.

Mom was holding the team of horses, the rope was attached to the team and up through the pulley at the hay track on the barn and then down to a hitch made on the two rear legs of the hog.

As Mom slowly let the team pick up the slack in the rope, you could see the big hog was stuck inside the 55 gallon drum. Dad and the boys tried to pull the barrel down off the hog, but it wouldn't budge, it was stuck tight.

The boys couldn't get the barrel down off the hog. Everything was go, Mom was holding the reins on the team of horses, the rope was tight and had the hog in the barrel ready to be raised but the hog was stuck in the barrel.

I think what happened was, dad picked up an old piece of iron about 3 foot long and started to beat the drum off the hog. Well, the clanging of the metal on metal scared the team of horses. They bolted forward and took the reins right out of Mom's hands and she stood there in a trance.

The horses went forward and the pig and barrel shot up toward the hay track at the end of the barn like a centaur rocket at the Kennedy Space Center. It crashed into the hay track and flipped the hog over onto the roof and tore up some of the shingles. The one inch hay rope got caught somewhere and stopped the horses, who were tired of pulling anyhow.

Everyone stood like statues, a little scared, astounded and wondered what happened.

My little brother started to laugh about the whole situation. Well, Dad dressed him down because it wasn't funny, there is a hole in the roof, the hog and barrel all laying up there, Mom is still scared, the hay track is pretty well bent like a pretzel. It did put Dad in a tough situation but it was still funny.

Well, in a few minutes Dad called us all together and said, "I don't want any of this to get out. Nobody tells nobody nothing. I don't want my

friends and neighbors laughing at me."

Well, that has been over 60 years ago and I think it's alright to tell it now. Maybe Dad will look down and laugh a little.

Well, Etta, your true story is a dandy. I hope I got it close to being right. To all that I have told it to have agreed that it is top shelf. If you have anymore stories, I can use them.

See Ya!

At the time, Dodge would be called a wide open town. This town had been growing since about the early 1870's.

At a couple of the local elections a new group of city officials were slowly taking over and as they called it, a chance to clean up Dodge and make it a model city. Well, the officials were just about as shady as the Dodge City Peace Commission was. They both wanted a piece of the action and a lot of the



The "Dodge City Peace Commission" June 1883. From left to right, standing: W.H. Harris, Luke Short, Bat Masterson, W.F. Petillon. Seated: Charlie Bassett, Wyatt Earp, Frank McLain, and Neal Brown.

THE DODGE CITY PEACE COMMISSION

By: Stan Jordan

This picture shows a number of the best lawmen and fast guns of the Old West. This picture is fantastic as it gets all those former U.S. Marshals in one photo. But from what I can find out at the time this picture was taken, all these fellows was backing a saloon owner in Dodge City, rather than looking for bad guys.

The guy in the back row, W.H. Harris owned a saloon in Dodge. The guy beside him, Luke Short, bought an interest in the saloon. The guy next to him is Bat Masterson, one of the very best U.S. Marshals and also the Marshall at Dodge City at this time.

The guy next to him is W.F. Petillon, another fast gun and gambler and in the Long Branch Saloon most of the time.

Dodge City had the name of the "wickedest" town in America and it was. Lots of saloons, lots of girls and madams, lots of gambling and lots of people were getting rich at this kind of business.

take. These people had been squaring off at each other for the last few years. Their share of the take was enormous and both sides wanted to get their share. But when Luke Short bought half interest in the Long Branch Saloon, the city's Mayor, Alonzo B. Webster said that's enough one of the lawmen owning part of the saloon. Now the Mayor owned two saloons, but that didn't matter, I guess.

Well, the other people in the photo were backing Bat Masterson's play. These guys were called The Dodge City Peace Commission. When the Mayor found out who he was fighting he found a mutual agreement for both sides.

Look at that lineup: Charlie Bassett, a good brave lawman; Wyatt Earp, one of the best ever and no man wanted to challenge him; Frank McLain, a notorious fast gun but always available, he was ready to help out, he was a Dodge City Policeman; and Neal Brown was a police officer in Dodge City, he was a long-time friend of Wyatt Earp.

Ned Buntline, a writer of that era had presented Wyatt Earp with a Buntline Special. That is a pistol with a 12-inch barrel. You can't draw very fast with it but it is a very accurate piece and it is good for buffaloing a man and hitting him on the head. The six gun was made by Colt and five Marshals had them: Earp, Masterson, Bassett, Petillon and Neal Brown.

How would you like to meet that bunch out on Main Street at high noon?

All this took place in Dodge City, Kansas in 1883. Some of the lawlessness was slowing down now because of the railroad's fast transportation and telegraph and some of the bad guys had their pictures taken and lawmen could tell what their suspects looked like.

You see, Billy the Kid was killed in 1881. In October of that same year was 'The Gunfight at O.K. Corral', now it is two years later and some of the crooks and bad guys were being thinned out.

In the Old West, some of the good guys were bad and

some of the bad guys were good. In some places it's like that today.

I was really excited to see this picture of all the old time lawmen. Yes, they really did help settle the west and that now is all history.

See Ya!

By: Stan Jordan



The State Patrolman pulled a convertible automobile over to the side of the road. It was a nice new car and the driver was dressed finely with big colored glasses and a high toned air about him.

In the passenger seat was a medium sized pig all dressed in college clothes and sun shades.

The policeman scolded him pretty good about that was no way to carry a pig and insurance did not cover a situation like this. Upon leaving, the cop told the driver to take that pig to the zoo.

Well, a week or so later this trooper pulled the car over again. The same driver and the same pig all dressed and riding like another passenger.

The patrolman said, "I thought I told you to take that pig to the zoo."

The driver replied, "I did take him to the zoo and he enjoyed it so well that now I'm taking him to the ball game."

See Ya!

ODOT TARGETS \$3.9 MILLION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

With the return of warmer weather, more of Ohio's elementary and middle school students may choose to walk or bike to school. To make sure those children get to class and home safely the Ohio Department of Transportation is targeting \$3.9 million to 66 communities as part of ODOT's Safe Routes to School program.

Schools zone can be dangerous: Between 2006 and 2008, Ohio's school zones were home to more than a 1,000 crashes. In 2008, one person was killed, and 121 people were injured.

This year, ODOT is awarding \$3.7 million in federal transportation funds to 13 local communities to build multi-use paths, bike racks, and sidewalks near school, as well as improve lighting and signage near school zones.

Another five communities will receive \$296,000 to develop educational materials and events or increase law enforcement near schools zones to encourage more students to walk or bike to school.

An additional \$756,000 will go to 53 communities to create School Travel Plans, a required outline of how communities will encourage parents and children to travel by means other than a motor vehicle to and from school. This is the second year ODOT has granted awards through the federal Safe Routes to School program. Last year, ODOT awarded nearly \$4 million to communities across the state for school crossing signals, sidewalks, educational materials and school travel plans.

Some of the communities that will benefit from the Safe Routes to Schools program include:

—Montgomery County – The City of Dayton will improve sidewalks, curbs, lighting, and pedestrian crossings near Cleveland, Edison, Fairview, Keiser and Ruskin Schools, improving travels for students in grades kindergarten through eighth.

—Franklin County – The City of Columbus will add sidewalks to the residential area between Dana Elementary and Starling Middle Schools to improve walk-ability in the Franklin area near downtown.

—Hamilton County – The City of Madeira will build a sidewalk near Madeira Elementary, making it safer for parents and the nearly 600 students in pre-school through fourth grade to walk to the school.

—Brown County – ODOT will construct a half-mile shared use path from the village of Aberdeen to RULH Middle School. Without this path, students are not allowed to walk or ride to the school – currently the only way to get to RULH Middle School is to walk on US Route 52.

More than a third of youths aged 9 to 15 live within a mile of school, but less than half of these students walk or bike even one day a week. This is a lost opportunity for students to get much-needed physical activity and to learn more about their neighbors and the community.

National statistics from 1969 showed that half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today, fewer than 15 percent of all school trips are made by walking or biking. Instead, more than half of all children arrive at school in private automobiles.

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Pictured is the PCAF Board. Front row, (l-r) is Richard King; Roy Klopfenstein, Pres.; Myrna Cook, Treasurer; Tony Langham, Director. Back row (l-r) is John Aden; Dr. John Saxton; Stan Searing, V. Pres.; Lyle Ebel; Norman Cook, Attorney; Duane Sinn; and Matt Reineck, Accountant. Not pictured are Lori Davis, Secretary; Ken Hahn, and Joe Woods.



Pictured is (l-r) Roy Klopfenstein, President; Nikki and Ryan McClure, Young Farmer Program users.

The Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) held its annual meeting/dinner at Grants Catering Hall in Antwerp with approximately 70 people attending. The Foundation was created to receive and distribute gifts of individuals to charitable purposes in Paulding County. To date the Foundation has gifted more than \$15,000 to non-profits. An anonymous donor gifted \$30,000 to local graduating seniors to help them with their educations over the past five years. The Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation has deposited over \$278,000 for Paulding County young farmers to reduce their loan interest. Plus, other donations have been awarded by the Foundation thus far. PCAF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Special dinner co-sponsors included: Arend, Laukhuf & Stoller, Dr. William S. Bricker, DDS, Family Chiropractic Center, First Federal Bank, FSC Securities, Natural Design & Graphics, James

Sponseller, Attorney, Paulding-Putnam Electric, Co-op, Vantage Career Center

Susan Pieper, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Director spoke on giving to your community.

She stated, "At the heart of philanthropy is a desire to benefit humanity, a desire to improve the material, social, and spiritual welfare of all citizens, especially through charitable activities."

Stan and Barb Searing recently started the Courthouse Heritage Fund, founded to help support the 120 year old structure that is probably the most historical and recognizable building in the county. This Fund is a new innovation that the Foundation calls "affordable philanthropy", where a modest donation is made with the idea that like minded people can add to the fund over time.

If you have any interest in the PCAF and giving back to our community please contact us at 419-399-8282.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

On April 1, the House and Senate reached agreement on a \$7.3 billion state transportation budget, which includes \$5.8 billion for the Ohio Department of Transportation to help complete needed highway and bridge construction projects across the state. In addition, the proposal, House Bill 2, allocates \$1.9 billion in federal stimulus dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to improve Ohio's infrastructure and create jobs.

The budget process was filled with much debate and required compromise on several important issues, but in the end, I believe the Legislature passed a good bill that eliminates many poorly-crafted provisions in the Strickland Administration's original budget plan and provides funding for highway projects that are critical to the future of our state's transportation system.

While I remain concerned about the impact of fee increases in HB 2 on the financial well-being of Ohio families, I was pleased to see that the compromise version of the bill reduced some very massive fee increases that were proposed by the Governor. In particular, Republicans in the Senate were successful in eliminating a \$5.75 increase in vehicle registration fees that would have placed a \$61 million burden on Ohio drivers.

The bill also maintains vital legislative oversight of passenger rail development in Ohio. With \$8 billion available in the federal stimulus bill for rail infrastructure projects, the Governor wanted to move quickly to secure \$250 million for a plan to expand passenger rail service between Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati. Many of my colleagues and I were concerned that the proposal lacked details and the state would have to spend millions of taxpayer dollars every year to subsidize rail operations. Not to mention, the Governor wanted these stimulus funds to be sent through the Controlling Board instead of the full General Assembly.

The Legislature and the Administration reached a compromise on the issue that allows the Governor to apply for federal rail infrastructure funds while ensuring bipartisan oversight of the process. Before construction can begin, funding for the project must be approved by a supermajority 5-2 vote of the Controlling Board, with support from two members of the House and two members of the Senate. Then, any money to cover the operation of passenger rail in the state would have to go through the full General Assembly.

Several dubious traffic law provisions were also removed

from the final version of HB 2, including the primary enforcement of Ohio's seatbelt law and the installation of speed cameras in highway construction zones.

The bill also creates a special committee to review the mission of the State Highway Patrol in an effort to better coordinate police services in Ohio and help develop a more stable and focused funding source for law enforcement in the state.

While there are many positive things to highlight in HB 2, I was disappointed by the Governor's decision to veto language in the bill that could have a direct impact on the cost of Ohioans' utility bills and the future of our state's economy. The Governor removed a provision that would have required state and local governments using federal stimulus dollars for construction projects to reimburse utility companies for the cost of relocating service lines. This decision will surely lead to utility rate increases for Ohio consumers, many of whom will never see the benefit of these federal stimulus funds.

Also, the Governor vetoed two proposals that would have provided needed financial relief to Ohio's trucking industry. While HB 2 was in the Senate, I worked to amend the bill to suspend a major fee increase on the movement of oversize vehicles in Ohio, which was set to take effect July 1, and require ODOT to adopt an annual overweight vehicle permit for truckers in the state. These key provisions, which received strong support from Republicans and Democrats in the General Assembly, were designed to preserve needed funds for the maintenance of highways and bridges in Ohio without burdening our state's freight industry with heavy fee increases that could lead to higher prices for Ohio consumers and additional job losses across the state. The Governor's ill-advised approach could cost our state more jobs near the Port of Toledo and other areas of the state that rely on the movement of commerce.

HB 2 addresses several key transportation issues and provides billions of dollars for critical highway projects in our local communities, but there is still much more work to be done. Moving forward, I will work as vice chair of the Senate Transportation Committee to build a transportation system in Ohio that meets the needs of Ohio motorists and helps our state compete in a 21st century economy.

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

BILL WOULD IMPROVE EMERGENCY CARE IN OHIO

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Everyday, physicians in emergency rooms across Ohio must make quick, high-pressured decisions to treat serious injuries and save lives. Their hard work, skill and dedication are critical to the health and well-being of all Ohioans.

Unfortunately, there has been a shortage of emergency physicians nationwide in recent years, due in part to increased exposure to liability, which drives up insurance premiums and creates an unnecessary stress on these professionals who are already working in a very stressful environment. This problem threatens to disrupt access to quality emergency medical care in many regions of Ohio, particularly in our state's rural communities.

On March 25, I introduced legislation that seeks to protect Ohio's emergency physicians from unreasonable lawsuits, while working to improve emergency room care in the state. Senate Bill 86, which has received 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 broader immunity to physicians who perform emergency medical treatment in compliance with the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA).

EMTALA requires physicians to treat any person who walks into an emergency room, regardless of their insurance status, ability to pay, and often, without any prior doctor-patient relationship.

This situation presents unique challenges for physicians who are forced to make life and death decisions without access to critical medical information.

Ohio law already gives civil liability protection to physicians in free clinics, physicians who volunteer for disaster services, including members of the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps, and to EMTs and paramedics performing pre-hospital emergency care. SB 86 simply extends this same liability protection to Ohio's emergency room physicians.

Several other states have enacted special liability protections for emergency care providers with noticeable success. For example, after the Texas Legislature passed medical liability reform in 2003, the Texas College of Emergency Physicians and the Texas Medical Board recently reported that 43 metropolitan counties and 33 rural counties in the state had seen a net gain in emergency physicians.

Our emergency medical personnel are dedicated individuals who work long hours in a very fast-paced, stressful environment. In a life or death situation, they should have the freedom and peace of mind to make quick decisions without worrying about getting sued for their reasonable actions. SB 86 would give these men and women the protection necessary to do their jobs and provide the best quality care for Ohioans.

SB 86 has been assigned to the Senate Civil Justice Committee and is expected to have a hearing in the coming days. For more information about the bill, please visit the General Assembly's website at www.legislature.state.oh.us.

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WOODLAN TAKES TWO IN HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL



Woodlan takes South Side in Baseball at home Friday, April 17. Senior Josh Kinsey pounded a grand slam in the 5th inning. Shown here is senior Joe Grueb, CF, made the final catch of the game, which clinched the win for the Warriors. The final score was 5-2. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Woodlan Lady Warriors pulled off a last inning victory against the Bishop Luers Knights Friday, April 17 in Softball action. The final score was 2-1. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP SOFTBALL SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT OF SEASON

The softball team suffered its first loss of the season at the hands of GMC foe Fairview last evening. The loss drops Antwerp to three and one on the season and one and one in the GMC.

Vanessa Gordon suffered the eight to three loss on the mound while her defense committed seven errors in the contest.

At the plate the Archers were able to beat out seven hits with Kole Schlatter providing a home run while Haylie Forrer chipped in with a pair of singles.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL TRACK QUAD-MEET AT LINCOLNVIEW

The Panther track team competed in a track quad-meet at Lincolnview High School against Lincolnview, Continental and Celina on April 14.

For the boys: the final results were Paulding in 1st with 95 pts., Lincolnview in 2nd with 61 pts., Continental and Celina tied for 3rd with 34 pts. each.

Paulding boys event placers:

High jump - Dysinger, 3rd

Discus - Arend, 2nd; Ross, 3rd

Shot put - Arend 34'1", 1st; Kohart, 3rd

3200 relay - Paulding 9:00, 1st

110 hurdles - Tope 16:27, 1st; Shafer, 2nd; Roughton, 3rd

100 meters - Mott 11:57, 1st; Pier, 2nd; Tope (P) & Bowers (Cont.) tied 4th

4x200 relay - Paulding 1:39.97, 1st

4x100 relay - Paulding 48.15, 1st

400 meters - Schroeder, 4th

300 meters - Shafer, 2nd; Glass, 4th

800 meters - Porter, 3rd

200 meters - Rhonehouse 23.75, 1st; Beck, 2nd; Pier, 4th

3200 meters - Deatricks, 4th

4x400 relay - Paulding, 2nd

In the girls, the final results were Celina, 1st with 96 pts., Lincolnview in 2nd with 79 pts., Paulding in 3rd with 35 pts., and Continental took 4th with 14 pts.

Girls Paulding placers:

Discus - Donaldson, 1st

Shot put - Donaldson 30'11", 1st

3200 relay - Paulding, 3rd

400 meters - Clellan, 4th

800 meters - Carr 2:39, 1st

3200 meters - Woodring, 3rd

4x400 relay - Paulding, 3rd

ANTWERP VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM MOVES TO 3-0!

Antwerp moved to three and zero on the season by picking up a four to one win over Green Meadows foe Tinora on Thursday, April 9.

Vanessa picked up the win on the mound moving her overall record to three wins against zero losses.

At the plate freshman Haylie Forrer paced the Archers by going two for two on the day with two home-runs. Fellow freshman AJ Stuck added a round tripper for her own in the conference victory. The Archers now stand 3-0 on season and 1-0 in GMC.

GOVERNOR APPLAUDS OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL SERVICE

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland applauded the Obama administration's strategic plan for national high-speed rail service. Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jolene M. Molitoris joined President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood for the introduction of the plan in Washington, D.C.

The strategic plan, which outlines the Obama administration's plan for a world-class high speed rail system and the future of national transportation policy, is available in full at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/31>.

On April 1, Strickland signed into law the biennial transportation budget for Ohio, which supports the state's efforts to restore passenger rail service to the 3-C Corridor (Cincinnati-Dayton-Columbus-Cleveland) and dedicates American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to complete the first phase of planning for the Ohio Hub, Ohio's high-speed rail network.

When completed, the Ohio Hub will connect Ohio communities with each other and with neighboring states, including the three federally-designated high speed corridors that will link Cleveland and Cincinnati to Chicago, and link Cleveland and Cincinnati via Columbus.

Governor's Statement on Obama Administration Strategic Plan:

"The state of Ohio shares the Obama administration's vision to establish a high-speed system of passenger rail in our country. High speed rail links communities and enhances the quality of life for all residents, while benefiting our environment and our pocketbooks by reducing reliance on foreign oil.

"I applaud President Obama for his visionary leadership and commitment to passenger rail service. Decades from now we will view this renewed investment in rail as we view President Eisenhower's investment in the interstate highway system—one that all Americans rely on for the efficient transport of people and commerce. The Obama strategic plan includes five Ohio cities as part of the planned Chicago Hub Network, which illustrates the state's important central position for transportation opportunities in the Midwest region.

"Just as Ohioans came together to ensure that our state was not bypassed by the interstate highway system, we must do the same today to ensure that the federal government sees the importance of investing in passenger rail in Ohio. It is critical that we work toward partnerships on the local, state and federal level in order to position Ohio competitively for federal funding and demonstrate that we're ready to make this exciting project a reality. In the coming weeks and months, I will work with Ohio's congressional delegation, our state General Assembly, local officials, the business community, and all Ohioans to send a clear message to the U.S. Department of Transportation that Ohio is ready for passenger rail."

ARCHERS HOST 3-WAY ROUND ROBIN WHILE RAIDER GAIN VICTORY OVER RAMS



Antwerp hosted a 3 team baseball round robin Saturday, April 18 making a long day. The first game Antwerp was beat by the Hamilton (IN) Marines. The 2nd game the Bluffton Pirates won against the Marines. The 3rd game Antwerp started off the game right with a homerun hit by junior Mike Stuart (shown above) on the 2nd pitch. The Archers scored 4 more points in the 1st inning and Antwerp won 8-1 in a fantastic game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace Lady Raiders hosted the Tinora Ram April 16. The Raiders went away with a 2-0 victory. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

Monday Night Magic: The Gathering, the adult on-line book discussion group, the knitting & crocheting group, the teen book discussion group, and the Magic: the Gathering Tournament highlight the week of April 27-May 2 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Every Monday night at 4:00 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library hosts Monday Night Magic: The Gathering. The Magic gaming is free and is open to middle schoolers on up to adults, who are interested in learning to play the Magic: The Gathering card game.

On Monday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m., the adult book discussion, with its new on-line feature, will kick off the week. It will be followed by the Teen Book Discussion Group on Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. All of the monthly book discussion groups are free and are open to the public. The adults will be discussing *Like Dandelion Dust* by Karen Kingsbury. According to the book jacket, "Jack and Molly Campbell are right where they want to be, enjoying an idyllic life with their four-year-old son Joey, and the close family and friends who live in their small hometown just outside Atlanta. Then the phone call comes from the social worker the Campbells never expected to hear from again. Three states away in Ohio, Joey's biological father has just been released from prison. He is ready to start life over, but not without his son. A judge's

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To better meet the needs of working adults and to avoid going out in rainy weather, we are also beginning an on-line adult book discussion. Through the on-line discussion, you can log on anytime and share your thoughts on this month's book and/or respond to the book discussion questions. To participate in the on-line discussion, log onto <http://jmlbookclub.blogspot.com>.

On April 30 at 6:30 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will host its monthly Teen Book Discussion Group. They will be celebrating national Poetry Month with a Coffee House & Poetry Night. Library volunteer and Teen Advisory Board Member Naomi Barkman will facilitate the poetry night. The Friends of the Hicksville Library will provide coffee, tea, and hot chocolate to enjoy while the teens create, read, and listen to poems.

The library has ordered copies of *Like Dandelion Dust* and many poetry books, so each group member may have one. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today.

The Johnson Memorial

Library will be hosting its monthly Knitting & Crocheting Group on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. The Knitting & Crocheting Group is free and is open to everyone interested in knitting or crocheting or anyone who is interested in learning the two crafts. Group members are encouraged to bring along the knitting or crocheting project that they are currently working on or a project that they would like to begin. The group will be facilitated by Teen Advisory Group Members and library volunteers Naomi Barkman and Natasha Tonneas.

The Friends of the Hicksville Library will be sponsoring a Magic: the Gathering Alara Reborn Booster Draft Tournament beginning on Friday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m. and continuing on Saturday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library. This Booster Draft Tournament will feature the new Magic: the Gathering expansion set Alara Reborn with drafting beginning on Friday evening and the tournament on Saturday morning. The tournament will be facilitated by Johnson Memorial Library's Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris.

There is a registration fee for the tournament, which includes three packs of Alara Reborn cards, promo cards, and other prizes. Registration for the tournament is due by April 27.

For more information on the Johnson Memorial Library, any of its services or programs, or to celebrate 70 years of Hicksville library service, call 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

BUEHRER WINS SENATE SUPPORT FOR GRANTS FOR GRADS PROPOSAL

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) won bipartisan support on April 1st for Senate Bill 5, legislation designed to encourage more college graduates to live and work in Ohio, strengthen our ability to compete in a 21st century economy and help revive a troubled housing market that has ravaged many communities across the state. The bill, which Sen. Buehrer introduced on February 10, would establish Grants for Grads, a grant program to help Ohio residents who graduate from schools, both in and out of state, cover the cost of a down payment or closing costs on a home in Ohio.

Buehrer explained that Ohio lags many other states in the percentage of its residents with college degrees, putting our state at a disadvantage in the global race to attract business development and create jobs.

"While thousands of students enroll at Ohio's college and university campuses each fall, too many of these men and women leave the state once their degree is complete," said Buehrer. "While I recognize that the most effective way to combat this "brain drain" is to ensure that students have access to high-quality job opportunities in Ohio once they graduate, and my colleagues and I in the General Assembly continue to work toward this goal, we must also seek to provide additional incentives to encourage graduates to take a job in Ohio as opposed to another state."

According to data compiled by the Ohio Board of Regents from 2001-2006, 27 percent of college graduates, who earn a bachelors degree in Ohio, leave the state within six months after graduation. These numbers are even higher for post-graduate degree earners.

The Grants for Grads program would provide down payment assistance to 300 graduates a year via a lottery system, with grant amounts based on the level of degree the graduate earns, including \$2,500 for an Associate Degree; \$5,000 for a Bachelor's Degree; and 10,000 for a Post-Graduate Degree. Grantees would have 24 months to use the money and would be required to reside in Ohio for at least five years.

"Grants for Grads is an investment in Ohio's future," said Buehrer. "The program would help slow the exodus of college graduates out of our state, increase the number of degreed citizens in Ohio and help bolster the Legislature's ongoing efforts to bring jobs and economic development opportunities to our local communities."

Buehrer noted that university administrators and college students voiced strong support for the proposal during testimony in the Senate Finance & Financial Institutions Committee over the past several weeks, including two students from Defiance College and Ohio Northern University in the 1st Senate District.

After passing the Senate today 33-0, SB 5 now moves to the Ohio House for further consideration.

NUWAY NATIONAL WRESTLING CHAMPION: TYLER SHOWALTER



Tyler Showalter and Coach George Clemens holding Tyler's national championship trophy.

Tyler Showalter, a sixth grader at Grover Hill and a member of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club, had a unique experience on April 11th. After wrestling over 250 youth matches and spending countless hours on the mat for the last seven years, Tyler was able to achieve what many youth wrestlers dream of. Tyler stood atop the podium at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Michigan a Nuway National Wrestling Champion.

The dream started at Owens Community College in Toledo, Ohio where he qualified to wrestle at the state level. Tyler then wrestled at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio in the Ourway State Wrestling Tournament during the Arnold Schwarzenegger Festival. A spot on the podium in Columbus earned him a chance to wrestle in the Nuway Nationals. He amassed a perfect 5-0 record at Nationals with three wins coming from pins. As Tyler received his two foot tall eagle trophy he became speechless for one of the few times in his life.

Winning a national wrestling championship was Tyler's dream, but being responsible for the wrestler's success and title was his coach's dream. George Clemens III has been coaching youth wrestling at Wayne Trace for nine years and had coached at Paulding prior to that. For the first time ever, he was the coach of a National Champion. Tyler is quick to point out that without Coach Clemens' time, encouragement, motivation, and knowledge this could not have been possible. Coach Clemens truly loves the sport of wrestling and is dedicated to the youths of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club.

Tyler also wanted to acknowledge the other wrestler's that participated in Nationals from Wayne Trace: Kameron Clemens, 4th place; George Clemens IV, 5th place; Aaron Miller, 7th place; and Hunter Long. Congratulations to all the wrestler's for earning the right to wrestle at the national level and to Tyler and Coach Clemens for your first National Championship.

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ODOT EMBARKS ON HISTORIC 2009 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Embarking on the largest investment in Ohio's transportation system in state history, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is officially kicking off its 2009 Construction Season, highlighted by multi-modal investments across Ohio and more than 650 roadway and bridge projects in each region of the state.

With a total investment of more than \$1.9 billion in construction projects, ODOT's 2009 Construction Season includes at least 36 interstate projects, 125 bridge projects, and dozens of multi-modal investments—ranging from improvements on railroads, at airports, and along our waterways.

At least 65 additional transportation infrastructure projects – impacting highways, bridges, railroads, airports, and shipyards – will also get underway this season, funded in-full or in-part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"The 2009 construction season will be the first of two years of historic investment of Ohio's transportation system, as we leverage state resources with federal transportation funds and stimulus dollars," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris. "As more of the stimulus-funded projects are made ready for construction both this year and next, we will put thousands of Ohioans to work maintaining and modernizing roads and bridges, building railroad, maritime, and airport infrastructure, and creating enhancement and streetscape projects."

Some of the major roadway projects this season are:

—Cleveland Innerbelt Bridge Safety Plan: Under an aggressive timeline, this \$10 million structural steel repair project will allow full traffic to resume on the Interstate 90 Innerbelt Bridge into downtown Cleveland as early as the winter of 2009.

—Dayton/Cincinnati Interstate 75 Lane Addition: To accommodate growing business development between Dayton and Cincinnati, this \$144 million project will include major reconstruction and construction of an ad-

ditional lane in each direction of I-75 from the Warren/Montgomery county line to State Route 122.

—Columbus State Route 315 Resurfacing: With an investment of \$24 million, ODOT will upgrade SR 315 with several bridge maintenance and resurfacing projects for three miles on SR 315 from I-670 to Ackerman Road, near the Ohio State University.

—Toledo Interstate 75/Disalle Bridge Repair: Motorists can expect intermittent lane restrictions in both directions of I-75 during this \$10.2 million project to update the Disalle Bridge crossing the Maumee River.

—Akron State Route 8 Modernization: With an investment of \$260 million, SR 8 will be reconstructed and modernized from Akron to the Cuyahoga County line, including the elimination of stop-and-go traffic along this interstate look-a-like. As a catalyst for economic development investments, the project will also serve a new hospital and a relocated courthouse. Reconstruction at the Ohio Turnpike interchange also borders the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Metro Park's Bike Trail.

—Northeast Ohio State Route 2 Modernization: This \$86 million project will modernize SR 2 including additional lanes and a new ramp between SR 91 and Newell Creek/SR 306 in Eastlake, Willoughby and Mentor.

—Port Columbus International Gateway: By the Thanksgiving holiday, crews are expected to complete this \$30 million project to build five new bridges, creating a safer and more efficient route to the airport.

"All of the projects this season speak to the important transportation needs of our citizens, communities and business, while creating jobs and positioning Ohio for long-term economic growth and stability," said ODOT Director Molitoris. "With these investments, we are moving Ohio into a prosperous new world."

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ODOT was allocated \$774 million in transportation stimulus funds, which will be invested in 149 transportation projects. Approximately 65

RENEE BIDLACK SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT WITH OWENS COLLEGE



Wayne Trace senior, Renee Bidlack, recently signed her national letter of intent to play basketball at Owens College. Bidlack – seen with (l-r) Wayne Trace coach Gus Davis, Owens assistant Steve

Perry, parents Steve and Angie Bidlack and Owens head coach Mike Llanas – received a full athletic scholarship to play basketball. She looks to major in business management.

"shovel ready" infrastructure projects will get underway this season, with an investment of more than \$340 million in stimulus funds. Combined, the stimulus resources and ODOT's planned construction spending will total more than \$2.8 billion over the next 15 months (through the 2010 State Fiscal Year).

Ohio motorists can keep up-to-date on when construction projects will impact their travels by logging on to www.BuckeyeTraffic.org. ODOT's 24-hour online source for road and traffic conditions.

REPRESENTATIVE WACHTMANN ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF STATE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) announced concurrence between the Ohio House and Senate versions of the state transportation budget bill, House Bill 2. The modified bill was passed by a vote of 70-29 and will now be sent to the governor for his signature.

The legislation underwent revisions in a conference committee in which members of the House and Senate reached a final compromise on the bill's provisions. However, the bill still contains more than \$100 million in fee increases on services including vision screening, temporary tags, late license registration, vanity plates and plate transfers.

"Governor Strickland continues to kill jobs in Ohio by insisting on over \$100 million in tax increases," Wachtmann said. "It is truly unfortunate that his executive order of huge fee increases for oversized trucks was not overturned and repealed in this bill."

Additionally, the measure still runs the approval of the use of federal stimulus funds for the construction of a passenger rail system through the State Controlling Board. The legislation requires a supermajority vote of the board for commencement of such a plan. This was a point of contention for House Republicans who felt approval by the full Legislature should be required for such a large expenditure that will ultimately necessitate an ongoing state subsidy.

The final bill did remove the provision to establish a primary offense seat belt law and eliminated a provision to create an automated speed

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET TO BE HELD APRIL 25

Grover Hill Pack 64 is holding their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Grover Hill VFW AT 4:00 p.m. Please come and help us celebrate. We will entertain you following a meal and an auction. Today's youth are our future. Scouting is an opportunity for boys to develop life skills and values for a better tomorrow. If you have any questions please call Becky Hermiller 419-587-3498.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

Monday Night Magic: The Gathering, Second or Third Careers Program, Roses with Rosalie, the Book Brunch Discussion Group, and the American Girl Doll Tea Party highlight the week of April 20-25 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Every Monday night at 4:00 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library hosts Monday Night Magic: The Gathering. The Magic gaming is free and is open to middle schoolers on up to adults, who are interested in learning to play the Magic: The Gathering card game.

Learn all you've ever wanted to know about roses with Rosalie on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Rose Program is free

and is open to everyone. It is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center. The program will be led by Rosalie Rosebrock. Monthly herb and gardening classes are scheduled at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Watch the movie, read the book, and come prepared to compare and contrast *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett on Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library's monthly Book Brunch Discussion Group.

The library has ordered copies of the book, audio book, and movie, so each group member may have one. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today.

As a part of the celebration of 70 years of Hicksville library services, the Friends of the Hicksville Library will be sponsoring an American Girl Doll Tea Party on Saturday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Everyone is welcome at the American Girl Doll Tea Party. It will include a doll parade, the *Chrissa* American Girl movie, a craft for you and your doll, the opportunity to dress up and polish up your manners, a raffle for your very own American Girl Doll and an American Girl Doll Clothing Sale (with all proceeds going to Relay for Life), a s'mores celebration, the chance to get your photo taken with an American Girl Doll, and of course tea and cookies.

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