

## MOCK CRASH FOR PROM AT PAULDING COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



By: Sue Knapp

On April 23 at 10:00 a.m. Paulding County Fairgrounds was the site of a "crash" that involved two deaths.

Andrew Mott, Haden Sholl, Taylor Hatcher, Melinda Slattman and Heather Hemker were coming home from a party. All but one had been drinking. Only two of the kids were wearing seat belts. Haden, who was drunk, was driving his father's car. He would not relinquish the keys to the one sober teen. Haden swerved and hit a guard rail. He received superficial injuries but couldn't get the door open to get out of the car. Melinda, who was in the front seat, flew out of

the car and landed on the cement. After a few minutes she died. Taylor, who was in the back seat driver's side also received superficial injuries and got out of the car. She found her cell phone and called into 911. Heather Hemker received many internal injuries, she had to be life flighted and spent five weeks in the hospital, three of which she was on a ventilator. Andrew, who was in the back on the passenger side, was passed out drunk, he died on impact.

Soon you could hear the sirens from the Police Cars, EMS units and Fire Engines. You could also hear the Pro-Medica Air and Mobile helicopter coming.

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## BLACK TIE AFFAIR AT ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL PROM

It's Prom time! Antwerp's Jr-Sr Prom is Saturday, May 2 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. at Grant's Reception Hall. This year's theme is Black Tie Affair and you can have a chance to see your favorite high school students in all their finery! There will be a black carpet walk-in from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Grant's, with accompanying harp music by Nancy Morse and announcement of prom attendees by Barry Delong. This year, seating will be provided by the parents of the junior class in a special spectator section, so no need to bring your lawn chairs!

The junior class prom court is Natalie Cottrell, Christy Goudy, Jake Reinhart and TJ Short. The senior attendants are Jamie Fry, Katrina McCague, Victoria Zuber, Michael Girle, Mark Parisot and Quinn Tempel. The prom princess is Lauren Schuller and the prince is Jacob Eaken.

If you would like to see the hall decorated for prom and the school decorated for after-prom, there will be a walk-through from 12:00-2:00 p.m. this Saturday. We have set aside this special time for the community to see all the hard work and effort put in by the students and parents of the junior class. Hope to see you there!

## THANK YOU

To all our family and friends - thank you for all the prayers, friendship, and fellowship you have shown Jerry and our family during his illness. For the beautiful flowers and the many memorials made in his name to the different charities.

To the people of St. Paul's Lutheran church - Jerry's funeral service was beautiful and the luncheon afterwards was delicious! The comfort and joy all our family and friends felt there was amazing.

Thank you for the many cards and notes of condolence I have received. One never knows how many friends you have till a death occurs and so many extend a hand of friendship.

So again thank you for being there and supporting both Jerry and myself. Now I hope I will be able to return the good will bestowed upon us.

May God's Blessing be with you all,

—Margaret Phlipot and the families too,  
Tim Phlipot and Tammy Phlipot Basson

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## FITZWATER - TALBOTT



Jessica Lynn Fitzwater of Grover Hill, OH and David Andrew Talbott of Grover Hill, OH would like to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Jessica is the daughter of Jill Sheaks, Continental OH and Paul Branham, Defiance OH. Jessica is an alumnus of Continental High School and a student at Northwest State Community College

pursuing a degree in nursing.

David is the son of Carol and Jerry Talbott, Bloomfield IN. David is an alumnus of Bloomfield High School and received his Bachelors degree from Purdue University, IN. He is employed by Cooper Farms.

The couple will exchange vows May 26, 2009 on Cocoa Beach, in Florida.

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| Sat, May 2  | Mexican Sampler - 1 Taco, 1 Enchilada, 1 Small Burrito, Rice & Beans.....                              | \$6.50 |
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**OBITUARIES**

**Andrew D. Reinhart**, 26, of Paulding died Saturday, April 18, 2009 at his residence.

He was born October 12, 1982 in Defiance, Ohio the son of Denny and Sue (Bair) Reinhart. He was a 2001 graduate of Bryan High School and attended 4-County Career Center. He was a U.S. Marine veteran serving in "Operation Enduring Freedom" in Afghanistan and in "Operation Iraqi Freedom" in Iraq from 2001 to 2007, where he earned the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3rd Award); Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; National Defense Service Medal; and Certificate of Commendation (Individual Award). He attended the Family Christian Center, Defiance and was a member of the Paulding V.F.W. Post #587 and Paulding Eagles #2405.

He is survived by his parents: Denny and Sue Reinhart of Oakwood; a sister, Sarah Reinhart of Dayton; and a niece, Sydney of Dayton; grandparents: Robert and Ruth (Troyer) Reinhart of Defiance; and Roberta Bair of Paulding; aunts; uncles; and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Charles "Junior" Bair.

Funeral services was conducted April 24, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Tim Burden officiating. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood with military graveside

rites conducted by the Paulding V.F.W. Post #587.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)



**Joseph F. Foster**, 49, of Defiance, passed away Monday, April 20, 2009 at his home.

He was born in Okinawa, Japan, on June 5, 1959, he was the son of the late Herman Foster and Norma J. (Lindley) Sunday who survives.

He served in the U.S. Army.

Joe worked as a machinist at Mid City Manufacturing in Sherwood, at DWE in Napoleon for 15 years, and as a machinist in Defiance.

Joe had a passion and love of Ford Mustangs. He restored, rebuilt and collected Mustangs.

Surviving is his mother, Norma (Kenneth) Sunday of Coldwater, MI; sons: Cory Foster of Marion, OH and Christopher Foster of Utica, MI; a close friend and former wife, Louise Foster of Defiance; sisters: Beth (Roger) Weidler of Fort Wayne,

IN, Becky (Bill) Zartman of Antwerp, Susan Page of Archbold and Sudie Foster of Mt. Vernon, IL; brothers: Jim (Gemma) Foster and Jon Foster both of Defiance; he is also survived by four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; a step-son, Greg Cameron; and step-father, Phil Ludwick.

Services were at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, 1753 S. Clinton St., Defiance, on April 24, 2009 with Rev. Mike Schneider officiating. Defiance VFW Post #3360 conducted honorary military rites.

Suggested memorials are to the family. On line condolences may be left at [www.defiancefuneralhome.com](http://www.defiancefuneralhome.com).

**Ruth C. Snyder**, 74, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2009 at her residence.

She was born in Antwerp on December 24, 1934, the daughter of the late Clarence and Rena (Tracy) Quisno.

Ruth was a secretary at Antwerp Insurance Agency and then worked at Meijer. She was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church and the Redhats.

She will be sadly missed by her sons: Douglas L. (LouAnn) of Fort Wayne, David A. (Karen Price) of Van Wert; sister, Barbara Presar of VanWert; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Daniel G.

Her funeral service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on April 23, 2009 with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating.

Ruth's family requests donations to the church in her memory. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

*Admissions:*  
4/22 - Antonia Godoy, Payne; Patricia Pack, Paulding

*Dismissals:*  
4/21 - Elizabeth Goodenough, Paulding

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all family, neighbors, and friends for your beautiful cards, gifts, floral arrangements, food, and help you gave us during Tom's illness and his passing away. Your monetary gifts to the V.E.T.S. were overwhelming.

Special gratitude to the following: Paulding County Visiting Nurses and Home Health Care, Dr. James H. Gray, Pastor Mike Schneider for his comforting words, Carol Hahn and Barry DeLong for their beautiful music, United Methodist Women for the delicious luncheon, American Legion Post #253 and VFW for military rites, and Dooley Funeral Home for their wonderful services and making everything go so smoothly.

All that everyone did was graciously appreciated.

—Jeane Schmunk, Jim & Jackie Schmunk, nieces & nephews

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The first rescue workers checked Melinda and then covered her with a sheet. Next, Taylor was checked. They were able to get Haden out and he was very angry and defiant and resisting help, the troopers got him to the EMS unit. That left Heather and Andrew in the car. Because of Heather's intensive injuries and the fact that Andrew's door had a guard rail stuck into it, the rescue units had to use the jaws of life to get the roof off the car. After gently getting Heather out and assessing her injuries she was transported by ProMedica to the hospital. They were then able to get Andrew out of the car. The corner ruled Andrew and Heather dead. They then put Andrew in a body bag, put him on a gurney and slid him into the back of the mortician's Hearst.

They gave Andrew a breathalyzer test and ruled him 5x's over the limit for drinking. They then tried to cuff him, which took two policemen. They took him to jail. Andrew will be held on drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter, if convicted he could spend two twenty

year sentences consecutively in prison. He would never again hold a driver's license. Heather's hip was dam-



aged and received face lacerations which ended in plastic surgery. After the hospital she spent many weeks recuperating at home. Her dad sued Haden's dad. What the insurance doesn't cover, Haden's dad is responsible, which could mean loss of their home. Heather later had to have a hip replacement and also had facial problems. Haden's dad could be paying her medical bills for the rest of her life.

This scenario was acted out by the Paulding High

School students listed on page 1 below picture. Sergeant Mershman (Van Wert) along with Mr. Harmon,

Principal, headed up this mock crash to show the kids what could happen when drinking and driving. This crash is put on to help kids make good decisions as they are pursuing end of the year activities such as Prom. Antwerp Juniors and Seniors also attended. Wayne Trace High School held a mock crash that same afternoon.

The last comment the narrator made was, "Remember, the choices you make reflect the rest of your life."

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**RESISTING THE POWER OF TEMPTATION**

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

A silly story has been going around about a young man who was hitchhiking through one of our Southern states. A farmer driving an old pickup truck stopped to give him a lift. As they rode along, they got to talking about the local moonshine whiskey. The young man said he didn't drink very much. Moonshine would probably be too strong for his tastes.

"Nonsense!" said the farmer. "You gotta try some." He fished around behind him and finally produced a small jug. "Here," he said handing the jar to the lad. "Take a drink!"

"Oh, no thanks," said the young man. "I really don't think I care for any."

"No, I insist," pressed the farmer. "Have some."

"No, thanks—really," said the young man.

The farmer wasn't going to take no for an answer. He stopped the truck and grabbed his shotgun from the rack in back. He pointed the gun at the lad and roared, "I said, take a drink!"

"Okay! Okay!" said the young man. "I've changed my mind! I guess I will have some after all."

The young man took a few swallows before he realized how powerful the stuff was. His throat muscles tightened, his eyes watered, and he made a choking sound.

"What do you think of it?" asked the farmer. "Good, ain't it?"

"Yeah," gasped the lad, "I guess so."

Then the farmer handed the young man the shotgun and grinned. "Here! Now you hold the gun on me and make me take a drink!"

I laughed out loud when I read that story. It struck me as so comical, picturing this old farmer not only forcing the young man to take a swig of whiskey, but then handing the guy the shotgun and telling him to make HIM take a drink!

All of us are lured into doing what we really don't want to do at various times during a given week. Either the power of peer pressure, the media, or just our plain old sin nature causes us to be tempted into doing wrong. But what I find interesting is that seldom does our enemy, the devil, have to put a gun to our heads! He merely plays to our weaknesses. That's why it's so important to know the areas of your own vulnerability. Know your weaknesses. Understand your liabilities. And then protect yourself at those points. Purposely refuse to put yourself into situations where you KNOW you will be tempted. Plan ahead. Think it through.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:27, "and do not give a foothold to the devil." Another version expresses it as, "give no opportunity to the devil."

Often the reason for our caving into temptations along the path of life is our own foolishness. We knowingly place ourselves into positions where we are at risk. If complaining and criticizing is a temptation for you, don't hang around people who are constantly griping. If certain TV shows or movies cause you to stumble or sin, turn off the tube and get busy in some

productive activity. If you find yourself being sucked into conversations that feed on gossip and rumor, determine to avoid the circles where such talk breeds. By taking such practical steps, we won't be able to eliminate temptation, but we can certainly minimize it.

Sure, temptations and enticements will still come your way. But at least they won't be so much of your own making... not the kind where a shotgun is being held to your head.

**GOD'S PLAN - IN THE BEGINNING**

**By: James S. Potter, Oakwood church of Christ**

In the beginning, the word 'beginning' comes from the Hebrew word Reshith and means the first, in place, time, order, or rank. You might ask, why go to the book of Genesis to write a lesson? To answer that question, these lessons or studies are to show the prophecy of Christ and the church, in the Old Testament.

Romans 15:4 tells us, "for whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." This is telling us that the Old Testament is for you and me to study and to learn from their mistakes, so that we do not do the same thing. The message of Genesis is to reveal God's promise to man and His providence is carrying out those promises. Also this was to reveal man's beginning and the history of his first acts.

Ephesians 1:4, "according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." This verse is telling you and me that before God created the earth that He had a plan for man. Now to look at this first day in verses 2-5 of Genesis chapter 1. Notice that the earth was without form and void. The word 'form' used here in Hebrew is Tohu and means wasteness and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

The word 'darkness' comes from the Hebrew word choshekh and means dark, grow dark, be obscured, be surrounded with darkness. This 'without form and darkness', means in its original shape, not as a destroyed earth. A face of the deep, the Hebrew word Tehom and means a surging mass of water. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. This is the first mention of the Holy Spirit in the Bible; among other things He garnished the heavens during the creation, Job 26:13. Notice in verse 3, God said this is His word created and His word

is Christ, Hebrews 11:3; John 1:1-4. And then we see that what God had done so far was good. All of God's works or good are perfect.

God does not have to change or redo His work, Read Isaiah 55:11 also in Genesis 1:4-5 we see God dividing light from darkness and calling the light day and darkness he called night. This finishes the first day of creation and God saw that it was good. The word 'day' comes from the Hebrew word Yom and means a 24-hour day.

Please remember Jesus loves you and so do I! For Bible questions please call (419)399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

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Star of America Charter bus leaves Saturday May 30, at 6:45 a.m. from the Antwerp Local School parking lot and will return about 10:00 p.m. Make checks payable to Sue Beck, our tour director, and Mail to V.E.T.S. P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813. Museum admission is free with Café style eats are on a first come basis.

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Air Power Gallery of WWII takes center stage containing Army Air Forces pursuit aircraft and bombers. Visitors can view a Doolittle Raiders' exhibit surrounding a B-25B, stand next to a B-29 "Bockscar" that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki Japan and other rare WWII era aircraft such as the B-24D, Martin B-26G and the B-17G "Shoo Shoo Shoo Baby". This gallery tells the Air Force story from China-

Burma-India theater to the Mediterranean, European, and Pacific theaters and back to the home front.

Modern Flight Gallery portrays the Air Force's involvement in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. You will see aircraft such as an F-86A, F-105G and the hulking B-52, as well as aircraft promising to transform Air Force power, including a prototype of the F/A-22 Raptor, and unmanned aircraft such as the Predator and Global Hawk. This actual Bomber aircraft on display is just one of over 300 aircraft and aerospace vehicles at the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton.

Next week read more about this one-day adventure into American History. Questions? Call Karen Sanders @ 419/399-5764. Donations are appreciated and may be sent to V.E.T.S. P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813.

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**Sat, May 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.-** RED HAT STRUTTERS - Admission \$5  
**Mon, May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.-** DIXIE LAND JAZZ CONCERT - Non-member Admission \$15  
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the principal and school secretary and had a lot of fun! Shown here in Mrs. Kohart's welcoming arms are from left: Ella Cook, Alexis Kashner and Reid Johanns. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller. We can't wait to go to kindergarten next year!

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Noah Ryan Schlatter was born to Kyle and Casey Schlatter on April 7, 2009. He weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and was 20½" long.

Grandparents are Hal and Kim Kemerer of Antwerp, and Ralph and Sheila Schlatter of Paulding.

Great-grandparents are Richard and Carma Polter of Mark Center, and Eldora Steiner of Rittman, Ohio.

**INFLATED HOSPITAL FEE IS GOVERNOR'S FUNDRAISER**

**Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann**

With the approaching passage of House Bill 1 from the Ohio House of Representatives, a major concern of citizens and legislators alike is the potential effect of the bill's numerous fee increases, many of which will be imposed on hospitals and health care facilities. As elected state representative of House District 75, I will continue to advocate for a quality, secure health care industry while keeping unnecessary fees and taxes low.

In his budget proposal the governor has included a new hospital franchise fee, which is essentially a fundraiser to generate funding for welfare programs and to reduce dependence on general revenue funds. The governor has proposed an additional fee levied on the hospitals' annual expenditures, presently set at 1.27 percent of the total operating costs in 2010 and expected to increase to 1.37 percent in 2011.

Additionally, the franchise fee will be applied to other health care services such as care facilities for the mentally handicapped and nursing homes. Currently, the nursing home franchise permit fee is set at \$6.25 daily per bed, and under the governor's proposal the fee will swell to \$11 daily per bed. Unfortunately, if the governor's plan goes unchallenged, the short-term financial stability of our state's care facilities will be severely threatened, setting the stage for long-term problems in the future.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has estimated that the new hospital fees will cost hospitals nearly \$600 million during the upcoming biennium. Thus, the plan has the potential to cost Ohio's health care industry nearly 7,000 jobs in sectors from administration to specialized services, according to the Ohio Hospital Association. Additionally, a proposed one-time funding package worth \$5 billion may result in a steep tax increase over the next two years. I fear that the governor's spending increases, funded by the taxpayers' money, will chase hardworking Ohioans out of Ohio as more in-state jobs are cut.

The health care industry, once a thriving sector in Ohio, is facing a substantial deficit in the difficult economy. According to the Ohio Hospital Association, one-third of Ohio's hospitals are planning additional layoffs within the next six months. The governor's fee increases have been singled out as a major cause of the funding anxieties and will exacerbate an already suffering industry. Rather than overtaxing our

local hospitals, it would be wise for the governor to allow these dollars to be invested in improved patient care, wider health care access and increased service affordability for every Ohioan.

Balancing the weight of the Medicaid budget on the backs of hospitals is not a policy any state legislator should sanction. Besides being a major source of employment, hospitals determine the quality of life within our local communities by providing essential services. Ohio cannot afford to jeopardize the hospitals' contribution by increasing the financial burden of our hardworking citizens. As my colleagues and I in the Ohio House continue to deliberate the details of the governor's budget proposal, I will voice my concerns on this issue.

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

**ANTS IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME**

**By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent**

There are several kinds of ants that may occur in and around your home ranging in size from less than 1/16 of an inch up to 3/4 inch long and come in many different colors. Ants may be yellowish, light brown, reddish-brown, brownish-black or jet black in color. Ants are insects with three pairs of legs and three main body regions: the head, thorax, and abdomen.

Most are wingless, but the homeowner sometimes may confuse swarming, winged ants with swarming, winged termites, causing alarm. Ants can be easily distinguished from termites by several characteristics. But, the main characteristic that separates ants from termites is the constricted or pinched waist of ants, while termites do not have the constricted waist.

Ants are social insects that live in colonies or nests that can be found in a variety of places, indoors and out. The location of the colony depends on the species of ant. Each colony contains at least one queen ant that is laying eggs and being taken care of by worker ants. Workers are non-reproductive females that in addition to caring for the queen and her brood also forage for food.

Ants invade homes and other structures in search of food, water, and shelter. Therefore, effective ant management needs to be a combination of control methods that involve inspection, sanitation and exclusion, habitat modification, and often some type of insecticide.

It is important to check carefully and thoroughly both indoors and outside to determine areas of ant activity, nest locations, and the type of ant present. Indoors, follow ant trails to locate their entry point. Outside, check the foundation, walkways, trees and shrubs, and in mulched areas for ant trails. Look for nests in mulch and vegetation next to the foundation. Check under potted plants, patio

blocks, and stepping stones, and in piles of rocks, lumber, and firewood. Inspect the foundation to find possible ant entryways such as areas where pipes enter the building, foundation cracks, and around doors and windows.

Some ant species may require special management considerations. If you are having difficulty controlling an ant problem in your home, it may be helpful to collect a few specimens for proper identification. Take your samples to your local Extension office for identification and to determine management options for control.

During spring and summer, winged ants begin to appear in and around the home. Ants live in large colonies, and as weather warms, ants begin producing winged reproductive males and females to fly to new areas and begin new colonies. If you find a few of these winged ants in your home, the best treatment is to vacuum them up and then throw the vacuum bag into an outdoor trash can. These ants probably wandered in by chance and are not likely to begin a colony inside your home.

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**A.C.D.C. OFFERS RELIEF**

**By: Denny Lee**

When I look into the faces of people around the municipality it is evident that the weight of the world's problems is becoming cumbersome. The nation is fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The economy is at its lowest level in over thirty years. Pirates are attacking our ships on the high seas. Terrorists threaten our existence every day. Reading the newspapers proves that many of the nation's schools are failing in academics. Unemployment numbers continue to rise on a weekly basis. Reality declares that we cannot hide our heads in the sand and just hope that things will get better, but there is something we can do for ourselves to renew our strength. Mental health therapist suggests a mini-vacation or distraction can do wonders to rejuvenate a person's mental and physical well being.

Therefore, the Antwerp Community Development Committee is sponsoring a three-day event for anyone who has ever attended the Antwerp High School. This event is designed to offer a mini-vacation to former Antwerp High School attendees. This will be an excellent chance for you to lay your burdens down for three days and mingle with acquaintances and friends from your past. Perhaps you will recall times of laughter and simpler days when the world was a much different place. It will be an opportunity to visit with old acquaintances and walk down memory lane once again. The A.C.D.C. offered this opportunity three years ago and it was a huge success with over seven hundred people attending the reunion! Already, the committee has people signed up to attend from as far back as the class of 1942 with strong possibilities of even older students coming to enjoy this event in August.

The event is scheduled to start on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with a "get acquainted time" and record hop inside

and outside under the stars at the Antwerp VFW Post. There will be free snacks, cash bar and a DJ will be playing your old time favorites.

On Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the village of Antwerp will be holding an event called a "Day in the Park" at Riverside Park, East of town. There will be food, refreshments, arts, crafts and entertainment under the large shade trees. Experience, once again, an atmosphere of small town living as you enjoy the food, fun and fellowship offered on this day. No admission will be charged for this event.

The main attraction of this three day affair will be the Saturday evening dinner and dance at the "Old School Big Gym." The dinner will be a buffet feast starting at 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. and everyone will eat as they arrive. Once you have filled your plates to the overflowing point, locate the table with your class year and enjoy more food and fellowship. There will be recognition of classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The dance will start at 8:00 p.m. and this will be "The Big One" with Rock 'N' Roll legends, Spike and the Bulldogs playing all the golden oldies. Some of us older folks will want to park our walkers and shake a tail feather when this music gets started.

On Sunday morning there will be a "Farewell to Ole Friends Brunch" served in the old school cafeteria. The cafeteria has been renovated into the Essen House Restaurant and once again everyone will eat when they arrive between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

The Essen House has been gracious enough to make this wonderful facility available to us. While you are at this facility be sure to check out the attached Manor House assisted living quarters that has been a great asset to the village of Antwerp. It is not uncommon to hear rave reviews from the residents living in this unique atmosphere.

Will there be any more of these three-day mini vaca-

tions offered by the A.C.D.C.? No one knows for sure, so don't miss this event! Please respond by July 24 or contact our chairman, Tony Langham at 419-258-2609 for more information. You may also contact our treasurer Christy Williamson at 419-258-1110. There is a large host of people working hard behind the scenes to make this a great success just as it was three years ago. Make a special effort to mark these dates on your calendars and let's break the former attendance record and make a lasting impression on our memories. It just may be the therapy we need to face this new world we find ourselves living in today.

**BUCKEYE TRAIL HIKE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1959-2009**

The Buckeye Trail Association is sponsoring a 5 mile Get Acquainted Hike in Paulding County on May 23, 2009. The hike will begin at the Junction marker site at 1:00 p.m. and go south to the Charloe Trail. Rides back to Junction will be provided. A special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch will be given to all that participate in the walk. If you have a Buckeye Trail map, the hike is from Point 22 to Point 24 on the map.

To be sure that we have enough patches for all hikers and that we have enough rides back to Junction, please call Les Weidenhamer at 419-393-4366 for more information and to sign up.

New hikers, give yourself a couple of hours to do this walk, wear comfortable shoes and good socks, and a bottle of water. There is more trail open in Paulding County, maps will be available showing the trail. This is a fun hike to introduce you to the Buckeye Trail and also the North Country Trail through our area.

Experienced hikers, this is a chance for you to introduce a friend or friends to the sport of hiking close to home, or for short walks.

Nature watchers, a lot of trail is off road so bring binoculars or camera.

Stay on the trail and respect the property of adjacent property owners. Follow the blue blazes! This is your trail so please do not litter. Leave the trail as good as or better than you found it.

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/29 THROUGH 5/5**

*Breakfast:*  
 4/29 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk  
 4/30 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk  
 5/1 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk  
 5/4 - Pizza, juice, milk  
 5/5 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk  
*Lunch:*  
 4/29 - Pizza, cheese or pepperoni, carrot sticks/dip, apple, milk  
 4/30 - Chicken nuggets, Raider tators, cookie, mandarin oranges, milk  
 5/1 - Toast cheese sandwich, green beans, sherbet, milk  
 5/4 - Rotini/meat, green beans, garlic toast, pineapple, milk  
 5/5 - Broccoli/breadsticks, cheese sauce, applesauce, milk

**PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/29 THROUGH 5/5**

*MS/HS - Breakfast:*  
 4/29 - Ham, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk  
 4/30 - Waffles, sausage patty, juice, milk  
 5/1 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk  
 5/4 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
 5/5 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk  
*MS/HS - Lunch:*  
 4/29 - Taco salad or corn dog, celery & carrots w/dip, cheddar trax, assorted fruit, milk  
 4/30 - Pizza sticks, green beans, assorted fruit, milk  
 5/1 - Cheeseburger w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk  
 5/4 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or breaded chicken w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk  
*Paulding Elementary*  
*Breakfast:*  
 4/29 - 5/5 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
*Paulding Elementary*  
*Lunch:*  
 4/29 - Ham & cheese stromboli, corn, assorted fruit, milk  
 4/30 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk  
 5/1 - Salisbury steak, oven potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk  
 5/4 - Magical spaghetti, caldron corn on the cob, bravo bread, floating fruit, medieval milk  
 5/5 - French toast wands, witch spell sausages, haunted hash browns, freaky fruit, caldron brewed milk  
*Oakwood Elementary*  
*Breakfast:*  
 4/29 - Coco roos, crackers, juice, milk  
 4/30 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk  
 5/1 - Assorted cereals, juice, milk  
 5/4 - Pancakes, mini sausage, juice, milk  
 5/5 - Cereal bars, teddy grahams, juice, milk  
*Oakwood Elementary*  
*Lunch:*  
 4/29 - Soft taco w/lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk  
 4/30 - Chips w/cheese sauce, corn, fruit, milk  
 5/1 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy,

**MANOR HOUSE RESIDENTS SHOP TO HELP V.E.T.S.**



The Manor House residents had a chance to shop for jewelry provided from the V.E.T.S. organization. The residents had fun looking at items and deciding whether to

purchase or not. The staff also had a chance to purchase. All proceeds went to the V.E.T.S. Shown here is Barb Bovine, Dick Gossar, and Eloise Hopkins.

bread, fruit, milk  
 5/4 - Hot dog w/bun or chili dog, corn, fruit, milk  
 5/5 - Chicken fajita, carrots w/dip, doritos, fruit, milk

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/29 THROUGH 5/5**

4/29 - Spaghetti w/meatball or pork fritter on bun, breadstick, peas, jello w/fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fruit

4/30 - Tacos or meatball sub, corn, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese  
 5/1 - Pizza bagel or tuna salad sandwich, mixed fruit, salad, pretzels, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice  
 5/4 - Hot dog on bun or mini corn dogs, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup  
 5/5 - BBQ pork rib or bratwurst patty on bun, mixed veggies, applesauce, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By: Stan Jordan

Some of my readers have asked me to write another bass fishing story. I have always kept to the truth and real facts and I'm about out of fish stories.

Lake Istokpoga is about 30 miles north of Lake Okeechobee in south central Florida. My brother-in-law, Ray Gross, and I started fishing there in 1989, but I had been on the lake for 20 years prior to that.

This is a big lake, 28,000 acres. It's a shallow lake, average 5'-6' and sometimes less. It is controlled by the South Florida Water Management District. With a dam on CR 621 the natives call this 'the government cut'. They regulate the depth here and the overflow goes down through The Indian Paraire and finally into Lake Okeechobee. You didn't move a shovel here without these people's approval.

Until recent years, this was a very clear lake, but nobody took care of it and Hydrilla took over as well as Bull Rushes and some type of undergrowth that looks a lot like Texas Mesquite. The last time I was there about half of it was not fishable. The bureau spent millions of dollars for spray on this growth, but they just waited too late. It was one of the best bass lakes in Florida, but not anymore. It is good for Shell Crackers and Crappies and Catfish, but the big bass left with those three big hurricanes about three years ago.

Ray and I went out about 7:00 a.m. and turned and went on the southeast shore. Down there a couple of miles is a canal that drains the overflow area under US 98 into the Kissimmee River and then into Okeechobee. Part of the canal was full of gators and swamp like I suppose the Amazon looks like.

I was in the front of the boat and Ray was in the rear running the electric trolling motor and fishing into the reeds and bull rushes. There was a couple eight foot ga-

tors along there, but we didn't bother them and they just laid there.

After a while, I suppose an hour, I had three two-pounders and Ray hadn't hit a thing yet. I had a chance to jab him a little so I did. I didn't get this chance very often. I said, "Ray, you just cast out about 40', leave that bait settle to the bottom or down in the weeds." And lo and behold, I felt a bass pick my bait up and run away with it. Now with a lot of confidence and bragadocio I said, "You take up the slack until you can feel him and then whamo! you set the hook." He was another two-pounder and I had four and Ray nothing. But then he started fishing away from shore like I was and that soon changed.

Ray was a lot better fisherman than me and he generally caught more than me. We both belong to the Catch and Release Program and we only ate fish once or twice a week.

On this day we fished around the Old Tree Snag. Years ago a man pushed a sapling into the sand to mark a good Shell Cracker Bed. Well, it started to grow and it was the only tree in the lake for miles. It was good fishing all around there and we always caught a few there. There was a sign on the trunk that told about one old timer that liked that spot so well his ashes were spread around this tree.

That was sort of a basin down there in the east corner of the lake about a good mile in all directions and for years it was one the best parts of the lake.

I always carried two rods with two kinds of bait. If I didn't get a bump in a few minutes I just laid that rod down and picked up the other with different types of bait on the hook.

On one of our fish trips to Florida with Ray we were fishing down in this basin. Ray was fishing with his old fiberglass rods and six-pound test line. Well, twice in one afternoon, he got a hit and he set the hook and his old line separated. Well, that was a night that we went to the

Golden Corral for supper and right down in that area on US 27 was a marina where we got some new 8 lb. Trilene line. Fish line gets old and weak a lot quicker than you think.

Back in those years, you could buy strong fish line called Spider Wire. Well, we tried some of it and it really is very strong, but you can't cast as far with it and it also has a coating on it. If you cast a lot the line traveling through the eyelets wears the coating off.

I figure as good as any is a good eight-pound line and then have a good setting on your drag. If your drag is right, you should never break a fish line. It should be checked every morning.

Let me repeat a line that Ben Franklin told me, 'A bad day at fishing is better than a good day at work.'

See Ya!



**PRETTY BOY FLOYD**

By: Stan Jordan

He was born Chester Arthur Floyd on February 3, 1904 in Adairsville, Georgia.

He was an alleged killer, bank robber, gangster and pretty much had a life of crime.

His first known crime was a robbery of \$3.50 in pennies from a local Post Office. He received three years for that one. When he got out he got caught in a payroll robbery in St. Louis, Mo and he received five years for that in the prison of Jefferson City, MO.

After he got out he vowed he would never go to prison again. He joined a bunch of hard cases from the St. Louis area. They committed several bank robberies over the next several years. They pulled a robbery on a payroll truck and the pay master described him as a pretty boy with apple cheeks. The news media always liked to use that name and he hated it until the day he died.

He was corralled in Kansas City, MO on May 1st of 1929 on charges of vagrancy and highway robbery, was turned loose later on in May of the same year.

Then at the end of May, he was arrested in Pueblo, CO for vagrancy. He was fined \$50.00 and 60 days in jail.

In November of 1929, his father was murdered in Oklahoma. He returned there for the funeral. His father was killed by his neighbor, John Mills. Mills was acquitted but vanished forever.

In 1930 under the alias of Frank Mitchell, he was arrested in Akron, Ohio and charged with the murder of an Akron police official who was killed where the Floyd Gang was committing a robbery in February of that year.

Then he was arrested in Toledo in March of that year, but I don't know what for or the disposal of the charges.

In June of 1933, Floyd, Vern Miller and Adam Richitti went to rescue Miller's friend Frank Nash from some police who were transferring him to the Union Railway Station. They opened fire on the lawmen who were escorting Nash

to a car. Two Kansas City Detectives and one Oklahoma Police chief named Otto Reed and an F.B.I. Special Agent, Ray Coffey, were murdered. There was two more policemen in the car but they played dead and survived.

The gunmen fled, but Vern Miller was found bleeding and choked to death in Detroit in November of 1933.

In October of 1935, Richetti and Floyd were confronted in a woods near Wellsville, Ohio by the Wellsville police. Richetti was caught. Floyd had ran out of ammo in the gunfight, he was also wounded, but escaped. Richetti was executed in the gas chamber in the Missouri State Penitentiary in June of 1938. Police Chief Fults called in a Chicago FBI agent named Melvin Purvis to help track down Floyd.

Floyd stepped out of the woods the next morning and walked up to the door of a farm house and asked the lady for food. The lady fixed him up a big farmer's breakfast and they talked a little and he said that's the best meal he ever had. He gave her a dollar which was a goodly amount.

She saw a car pull up out front and said, "I wonder who that can be?" Floyd ran out the back door and started across a field to escape. He was shot by Melvin Purvis and other FBI agents outside of East Liverpool, Ohio.

They reached the body they asked, "Are you Pretty Boy Floyd?"

He said, "I am Chester Arthur Floyd!" He always hated that nickname! He died in that field in 15 minutes at the age of 30.

There was a lot of songs written about him and a number of movies. He seemed to leave an aura about him after his death. But he had been a bad one.

I think the best 30 minutes of his life was eating that last breakfast at the common old farm house and that friendly lady.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

This young man was up in an airplane to take is first parachute jump. He had passed his preliminary training and was ready for the official jump.

He was standing at the open door feeling the rushing wind and looking at the earth at those little strings running all over the landscape. If he was down on the ground he would see those are roads.

When the plane neared the jump off spot the instructor nudged him a little and out he went.

After he remembered he was in a parachute rig and he was falling it was time to pull the rip cord that would open his chute. Now all his training was coming back to him. But his chute didn't open. After a second of pandemonium, he knew to pull the release on his emergency chute.

He gave the reserve chute a pull, but nothing happened. By now our novice parachuter was getting desperate. He had pulled both chutes and nothing happened. He was at 1,000 feet and hurtling to earth at a terrible rate of speed. His arms were waving wildly and the earth was getting closer

and closer. He was desperate now and he had done all that the instructor had told him to do. He was now down to about 400' of altitude and getting desperate by the split second.

To his amazement, here comes a man from the ground at a fast rate of speed with his hair burned and his clothes a mess. He looked like a rocket man with no rocket.

In desperation our parachute man called out to him, "Do you know anything about a parachute?"

The new arrival earth man said, "No, do you know anything about a gas stove?"

See Ya!

**ODH URGES OHIOANS TO VACCINATE AGAINST PERTUSSIS**

Pertussis—also known as whooping cough—sickens hundreds of Ohioans every year and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) wants to help you protect yourself and your loved ones from this vaccine-preventable disease.

"This common and potentially serious illness can be prevented with vaccine," said ODH Director Alvin D. Jackson MD. "Please see your doctor to see if pertussis vaccine is recommended for you and your loved ones."

ODH recommends children be vaccinated with the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine at two, four and six months, again at 12 to 15 months; with an additional dose at four to six years. Because protection can weaken over time, a booster shot of the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular

pertussis is recommended between the ages of 11 and 12.

There are vaccines licensed for individuals 10 to 64 years old; please check with your medical providers to see whether they are fully protected.

Pertussis is spread when a patient coughs or sneezes while in close contact with others, who may then inhale the bacteria. The disease is similar to the common cold at first with severe coughing after one to two weeks. Children often experience violent, rapid coughs that force air from the lungs, creating a loud "whooping" sound—hence the name whooping cough. Pertussis kills an estimated 10 to 20 Americans every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

People with these symptoms should see their physicians right away, as antibiotics can limit the spread of disease.

Ohio reported 346 cases of pertussis in 2001; 441 in 2002; 328 in 2003; 885 in 2004; 1,094 in 2005; 594 in 2006; 837 in 2007; and 845 in 2008.

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# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

It is difficult to believe there is just a month left in the 2008-2009 school year. Although the calendar indicates the year is winding down, we are actually very busy with end of the year activities. Awards programs, concerts and student programs highlight the month of May. Please check the district calendar and support our students with your attendance at these celebrations. Our last day of school will be May 20, unless we have an additional calamity day.

May 3-9 is National Teacher Appreciation Week with Tuesday, May 5 designated as National Teacher Day. Please take time during this week to thank a teacher who made a difference in your life. Paulding Exempted Village Schools are proud of our teachers and believe they make a difference in the lives of children every day.

The Class of 2009 will celebrate Commencement on May 24 at 2:30 as our 121<sup>st</sup> graduating class from Paulding High School. The ceremony will be in the high school gymnasium. Everyone is invited to attend. We congratulate our senior class on their many accomplishments in reaching this milestone and wish them the best as they continue on a journey of lifelong learning.

Yours in Education,  
Pat Ross

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

#### Paulding Elementary-Kevin Dangler

Another school year is quickly coming to a close. The last day of school for students is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2009. This, of course, could change, should we need to close for unsafe weather conditions. Student fees for the 2008-2009 school year are still being taken. Fees may be paid in the elementary office Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If you send money with your child, please put it in an envelope and mark it Student Fees. Make checks payable to *Paulding Elementary School*. Listed below is the student fee amount per grade level.

Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2: \$55.00  
Grade 3, Grade 4 & Grade 5: \$50.00

I would like to remind parents that the school will be offering Kinder Camp to incoming kindergarten students this summer. The camp involves two days. We ask that parents and their child commit to coming to the school for about one hour to interact with other children and take part in some literacy activities. The dates for the camp are Tuesday, July 14, 2009 and Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Parents will receive a postcard reminder in the mail approximately one week before the July camp.

During the week of May 4-8, 2009 our students will be taking part in various reading activities in observance of Right-to-Read Week. Our theme this year is "Reading is Magic" and one of the feature activities will be a performance by a magician.

As a final note, the staff and students of Paulding Elementary would like to thank our PTO for their involvement with providing support for the educational programs and fun activities in our school. Notable support has included celebration events, book fairs, assemblies and the upcoming field day.

#### Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Oakwood Elementary students and staff are in the midst of our Ohio Achievement Tests as you read this! If you know or see any 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grader as you are out and about, please give them some words of encouragement regarding these tests. The OATs measure our students' understanding of the curriculum adopted by the State of Ohio and our school district. We are confident our students are capable of performing well on these tests and encourage them to take the time to give the best possible answers, allowing him/her to shine. Parents will receive results of the testing in late June.

As we begin the last month of our school year, we certainly do not slow down! The month of May is one of our busiest months of the year - a special event mixed in with our regular lessons nearly every day! From concerts to assemblies to field day to year-end awards programs, every grade level and

every student will be involved in many special activities.

We begin the month with our Right-To-Read Week (May 4-8). The theme this year is "Track Down A Good Book." We look forward to three special guests during our celebration of reading. Oakwood Elementary welcomes storyteller, Andrenna Belcher, on Wednesday. On Thursday, we will enjoy an author visit from our very own 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Caroline Arend. Mrs. Arend will share the process she went through to publish her book, Grandpa Doesn't Like Snakes, with our students. Joining her will be the illustrator of the book, Mrs. Sandy Dobbelaere, PHS art teacher. Throughout the week, students will be challenged to read more than ever and activities will be taking place to foster a genuine love for reading. We want to thank our Title I Reading Teacher, Mrs. Debbie Carter, for coordinating Right-To-Read Week.

Our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade band and choir will perform their final concert of the year on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp. We invite you to come hear them. Both groups have made tremendous progress this year!

Please mark your calendar for Monday, May 25. Our third graders will once again present a wonderful tribute to all who have served to protect our great country. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Memorial Day program will begin at 10:00 in our café/gym and will conclude at the Oakwood Park. Again, we invite you to join us for this program; and please extend our special invitation to all members of the U.S. Military, current and veteran.

Thank you for your continued support! Our students experience the most success when they have the school, the family, and the community in their corner.

#### Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from the Middle School! Testing continues the week of April 27-May 1. I know the kids are doing extremely well and giving it their best shot. These tests are very difficult and very stressful on everyone. We are looking forward to moving on towards finishing up another school year.

Our Junior High track teams are in full swing. To date the boys are doing very well and the girls are undefeated. If you get an opportunity, please stop at the track and watch them. Their last home meet will be on May 5 at 4:30 against Defiance and Tinora.

Our annual award's day program for the middle school will be held on Thursday, May 14, at noon in the high school gym. Parents of those students receiving an award will be mailed a letter in early May. Please plan on attending and congratulating all of our award winners. This is open to the public.

As I mentioned earlier, and many, many times before, 8th grade graduation will always be slated for the very last day of school. So far, this is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Please remember that in order for your child to participate in this time honored ceremony, their school fees must be paid in full. Our school DRESS CODE will be strictly enforced at this ceremony.

Earlier in the year we held our annual Science Fair and we had 4 students qualify at the regional level to represent Paulding Middle School at State Science Day in Columbus. Congratulations to Kelsi Manz, Jaci Schlatter, Brad Matson and Andrew Layman for advancing to the state competition.

Congratulations also to Savannah Roughton. Savannah, an 8th grader, advanced to the State Geography Bee, where she did very well. Congratulations again, to Savannah and her family. Getting to the state competition is a very big honor.

Our Science Olympiad team competed at the state competition on April 18. Savannah Roughton and Laurel Wehrkamp placed 6th in the state in Computers. I thank the staff and students that went. We received many compliments from Columbus on how polite, well mannered, and respectful our kids were.

I thank you for another great school year. Please remind the students to continue working right up until the very last day-May 20. Thank you for your continued support of education.

#### High School-Todd Harmon

Thanks to all those staff members and parents that are working to make this year's prom on May 2 safe and memorable. Our

high school had a mock crash to encourage students to make safe and positive decisions. Thanks to all the EMS personnel, fire departments, sheriff's department, DenHerder's funeral home, Promedica Life Flight, and the students and parents who participated in making a "close as you can get" presentation. To reinforce this safety message, Sarah Panzau, who was a Division I athlete, will warn students of the consequences of destructive decision making on May 4, as we move towards the end of the school year and graduations.

Parents are reminded by the law: "Parents who host, lose the most"—a message sponsored by the Drug-Free Action Alliance. Other tips from the Alliance are:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21
- Be at home when your teen has a party
- Make sure alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at events your child will be attending
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens will feel welcome
- Report underage drinking to local law enforcement

The PHS senior class awards program will be held May 11 at 12:30 p.m. Underclassmen awards will be presented May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Both events will be in the auditoria.

Good luck to the PHS choir, directed by Dave Clapsaddle, as they will be competing at state choir contest. Congratulations to Julie McCullough who received the Partners' in Education Teacher of the Month award. Congratulations to the Science Olympiad crew, led by Krisi Williams and Angel Perry, as they placed 36th out of 40 at state competition. Congratulations to the track teams, led by Shawn Brewer, Randy Crawford, Mel White and the legendary Jon Snodgrass, as they have had a fast start in their season and are competing well. Our baseball players, led by Mike Leach, and our softball players, led by Kevin Vance, are working hard to pick up wins. The coaches have been positive role models along the way-keep up the good work!

Parents are reminded that students who have outstanding fees will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony and will not receive their diploma. Please contact the high school office to make arrangements to take care of those obligations.

### SUMMER BASKETBALL

Our school district, under the direction of Shawn Brewer, will be offering a summer basketball program June 1-4, 2009.

Forms will be sent home with students the second week of May. Additional forms will be available in any of the school offices, or contact Shawn Brewer at 419-399-4656.

### MEMORIAL DAY PLANS

The Oakwood Elementary third grade will present a patriotic program at 10:00 a.m. on May 25. The program will be held in the Oakwood gym and conclude at the park.

The Paulding High School band will provide music for the Memorial Day services in the Live Oak Cemetery on May 25, followed by a performance on the Courthouse lawn. Please join us in honoring those who have fought for our freedom.

### ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Physicals for athletic participants will be held on June 23, 2009 at the high school. The cost of the physicals will be \$15, payable to Dr. Kuhn. The schedule of physicals is as follows; however, if any student cannot come at the scheduled time, or would like to come with a sibling, they can come anytime from 8:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m.  
HS Boys 8-9:30am HS Girls 12:30-1:30pm  
MS Boys 9:30-11am MS Girls 1:30-3pm

### SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

Parents of student-athletes are reminded that students who plan to participate in a fall sport next school year must meet the eligibility requirements in this current 4th nine-week grading period to be eligible next fall. High school athletes must maintain a 1.0 GPA and be passing five one-hour courses. Junior high athletes must maintain a 1.0 GPA and be passing 75% of their courses.

### STAFF RETIREMENTS

Sue Crossland, Oakwood Elementary Physical Education; Roger Gasser, Middle School Reading and Social Studies; Leigh Hutson, Paulding Elementary 1st grade; and LaDonna Miller, Paulding Elementary cafeteria cashier, have chosen to retire at the end of this school year. Ben Manz and Ralph Hunt, bus drivers; Diana Doster, Paulding Elementary teacher aide; and Cheryl Bevis, Paulding Elementary cafeteria cook/server retired earlier this school year. We wish them the best in their retirement.

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

#### JH Boys/Girls Track

|       |                                |      |
|-------|--------------------------------|------|
| May 4 | Ottoville/Wayne Tr @ Crestview | 4:30 |
| May 5 | Tinora/Defiance-H              | 4:30 |
| May 8 | NWC Meet @ Spencerville        | 4:15 |

#### Varsity Boys/Girls Track

|        |                       |      |
|--------|-----------------------|------|
| May 7  | Fairview-T            | 4:30 |
| May 9  | Shelby Relays-T       | 9:00 |
| May 11 | Wayne Trace Relays-T  | 4:30 |
| May 14 | NWC @ Crestview       | 4:45 |
| May 16 | NWC @ Crestview       | 9:30 |
| May 18 | Antwerp/Wayne Trace-H | 4:30 |

#### JV Baseball

|        |                         |       |
|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| May 1  | Crestview-T             | 5:00  |
| May 4  | Wayne Trace-H           | 4:30  |
| May 8  | Antwerp-H               | 4:30  |
| May 9  | Edgerton (DH)-T         | 11:00 |
| May 12 | Fairview-T              | 4:30  |
| May 14 | Miller City-H           | 4:30  |
| May 15 | Crestview-T             | 5:00  |
| May 18 | JV Tournament @ Antwerp | 4:00  |
| May 19 | Napoleon-H              | 4:30  |
| May 21 | JV Tournament @ Antwerp | TBA   |

#### Varsity Baseball

|        |              |       |
|--------|--------------|-------|
| May 1  | Crestview-H  | 5:00  |
| May 2  | Defiance-T   | 10:00 |
| May 4  | Allen East-T | 5:00  |
| May 7  | Bluffton-T   | 5:00  |
| May 8  | Antwerp-T    | 5:00  |
| May 11 | Van Wert-T   | 5:00  |
| May 12 | LCC-H        | 5:00  |
| May 14 | Napoleon-T   | 5:00  |
| May 15 | Hicksville-H | 4:30  |
| May 16 | Bryan-H      | 6:00  |

#### JV Softball

|        |               |      |
|--------|---------------|------|
| May 4  | Bryan-T       | 5:00 |
| May 7  | Lincolnvew-H  | 5:00 |
| May 8  | Hicksville-H  | 5:00 |
| May 11 | Elida-T       | 5:00 |
| May 12 | Wayne Trace-T | 4:30 |
| May 14 | Antwerp-H     | 5:00 |
| May 15 | Fairview-H    | 4:30 |

#### Varsity Softball

|        |               |       |
|--------|---------------|-------|
| May 1  | Crestview-H   | 5:00  |
| May 2  | Tinora-T      | 10:00 |
| May 4  | Allen East-T  | 5:00  |
| May 5  | Wayne Trace-T | 4:30  |
| May 7  | Bluffton-T    | 5:00  |
| May 12 | LCC-H         | 5:00  |
| May 14 | Defiance-T    | 4:30  |
| May 15 | Elida-T       | 5:00  |

### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

|               |  |          |
|---------------|--|----------|
| Apr. 29-May 1 | Gr. 3-8 Ohio Achievement Tests   |          |
| May 1-2       | FFA State Convention-Columbus  |          |
| May 2         | State Choir Contest-VanBurenHS   | 10:20    |
| May 2         | Prom-HS Gym  | 8-11:30p |
| May 2         | After Prom-Aud. & MS Gym   | 12-4:00a |
| May 3         | JH Band Concert-Auditeria  | 3:00     |
| May 4         | Science Olympiad Bstr Mtg-Aud.   | 7:00p    |
| May 4-8       | Right-to-Read Week   |          |
| May 6         | AP Calculus Test   | 8-12:00  |
| May 6         | Athletic Booster Meeting   | 7:00p    |
| May 8         | AP History Test  | 8-12:00  |
| May 8         | AP European History Test   | 12-4:00  |
| May 8         | OakEl April Student/Month Lunch  |          |
| May 11        | FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room  | 5:00     |
| May 11        | Senior Awards Program-Aud.   | 12:30    |
| May 12        | AP Chemistry Test  | 8-12:00  |
| May 12        | OakEl 5th/6th Gr Band/Choir.Conc   | 7:00     |
| May 12        | HS Band Concert-Auditeria  | 7:00     |
| May 13        | Senior Exams 1-4-PM Session  |          |
| May 13        | Baccalaureate-Auditeria  | 7:00     |
| May 14        | Senior Exams 5-8-AM Session  |          |
| May 14        | MS Awards Program-HS Gym   | 12:00    |
| May 14        | OakEl Kdg (A) Program  | 2:30     |
| May 15        | OakEl Kdg (B) Program  | 2:30     |
| May 15        | OakEl Field Day  |          |
| May 15-16     | JH Band Contest  |          |
| May 15        | Last Day of School for Seniors-Senior Community Service Project and Picnic |          |
| May 17        | Choir Concert-Auditeria  | 3:00     |
| May 18        | HS Exams 7, 8  |          |
| May 18        | OakEl 6th Gr. Dance  | 2-3:00   |
| May 19        | HS Exams 2, 4, 6   |          |
| May 19        | OakEl 6th Gr Year-End Program  | 2-3:30   |
| May 19        | Board Meeting-Admin. Bldg.   | 7:00     |
| May 19        | Underclassmen Awards Prog.-Aud.  | 7:30     |
| May 20        | HS Exams 1, 3, 5   |          |
| May 20        | 8th Grade Graduation-HS Gym  | 1:00     |
| May 20        | Last Day of School for Students  |          |
| May 22        | Mandatory HS Graduation Practice   |          |
| May 21-22     | Breakfast-Auditeria  | 8:30     |
| May 21-22     | Practice-HS Gym  | 9:00     |
| May 21-22     | Calamity Make-up Day if Needed   |          |
| May 24        | HS Graduation-HS Gym   | 2:30     |
| May 25        | MEMORIAL DAY   |          |
| May 25        | OakEl 3rd Gr Memorial Day Prog   | 10:00    |
| May 26-27     | Calamity Make-up Day if Needed   |          |



# KATELYN FEICHTER INDUCTED INTO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY



Recently, Katelyn Feichter was inducted into the American Sign Language Honor Society. Katelyn, a senior and fourth-year student, studies American Sign Language at Antwerp High School via IVDL from the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio.

In order to be eligible for this honor, students must complete two years of ASL, maintain a GPA of 3.5 in ASL courses and an overall GPA of 3.2 in all other coursework. Shown presenting the Certificate of Honor to Katelyn is Mrs. Paige Zuber, ASL para professional at Antwerp School.

# PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 4/13/09

The office of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio met in regular session on April 13, 2009 with the following present: Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

**Allowance Of Claims:**  
Warrants docketed as 157315 through 157431 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**Travel Requests:**  
Kim Sutton and Michele Arend - OWSA Training Conference, Columbus, Ohio - April 22, 23, and 24, 2009

Randy Shaffer, EMA Conference, Columbus, Ohio - April 14, 15, and 16, 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 April 6, 2009, to-wit:  
Safeguard, \$267.10; Animal Care Equipment, \$205.09; Vortech Pharmaceuticals, \$306.60; Terminal Supply Co., \$804.10; Card Center, \$105.42; Gary & Julia Porter, \$1,262.00; Iron Mountain, \$210.00; Walz Postal Solutions, \$689.52; Desiree McDaniel, \$162.25; Vernon Kilion, \$380.00; Purchase Power, \$750.00; Tri County Roofing, \$300.00; Job & Family Services, \$2,453.70; Angel Pease, \$108.90; Ohio Peace Officers' Training, \$800.00

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 8, 2009:

Office Partners, \$217.13; Paws & Remedy, \$208.53; American Humane, \$119.00; Matthew Bender Co., \$1,038.55

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

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 252:

Jail Commissary, 252-001-00001/Inventory, \$30.74

**In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 253):**

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 253:

Jail Inmate Food, 253-001-00002/Equipment, \$168.50

**Meeting Notes Of Appointments:**

Brenda Crawford - Ms. Crawford met with the Commissioners representing the Paulding Garden Club. She discussed planting flowers in the urns at each entrance of the courthouse. She will provide a cost estimate for approval before proceeding.

Ron Weck - Mr. Weck met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss problems various townships have with junk accumulating in piles. With no zoning stipulations in place, it is difficult to convince landowners to clean up their property.

Randy Shaffer, Bob Iler, Dave Harrow, Joe Burkard, and Ron Weck - The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the efficiency of the hand-held radios used by various departments within the county. Mr. Shaffer reported the first radio was programmed December 19, 2006. He stated the mobile units seem to work fine, but did admit there were issues with the hand-held radios in certain areas of the county. Mr. Burkard suggested collecting data by sending surveys to the users. This feed-back would be used to ascertain how the system could be enhanced to accomplish better service county-wide. Mr. Shaffer agreed to mail surveys. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to review the information and determine what can be done to improve the service. Mr. Weck suggested exploring other radio manufacturers to possibly better utilize the grant dollars.

Ron Etzler - Mr. Etzler met with the Commissioners to share water and sewer project grant and loan information. He had attended a meeting representing the Village of Payne and presented materials that could be helpful to the county. Mr. Etzler also explained Payne's water and sewer system and the billing policy.

Dan Smith - Mr. Smith requested a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss property taxes on his home. He also had questions regarding zoning issues and how they relate to small businesses.

Ellen Schlegel and Brenda Crawford - Ms. Schlegel and Ms. Crawford met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss an accounting issue. The Auditor was consulted and the matter was taken care of.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 4/15/09**

This 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**Allowance Of Claims:**  
Warrants docketed as 157458 through 157486 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**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 April 13, 2009:

Village of Paulding, \$701.52; Village of Paulding, \$107.13; American Electric Power, \$646.99; GCS Service, Inc., \$168.50

**Receiving Bids For The 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects:**

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, bids were received and opened for the 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects; to-wit:  
Ward Construction Company - 385 Oak Street, Leipsic, OH 45856, \$125,739.50

C & C Contractors, LLC - P O Box 154, Montgomery, MI 49255, \$155,131.25  
Klink Trucking, Inc. - P O Box 428, Ashley, IN 46705, \$138,848.49

Henry W. Bergman, Inc. - 218 E 9th Street, Genoa, OH 43430, \$137,899.95

The specifications will be studied with a recommendation and determination to be made at a later date.

**Executive Session**  
**Meeting Notes Of Appointments:**

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met with the Commissioners to present county health insurance information. Open enrollment is in May and our renewal contract will be effective June 1, 2009. She asked that a meeting be scheduled with Jim Machock (Wells Fargo Insurance Service representative) and the county health insurance committee to review benefits and set premium rates for fiscal year June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010.

Jim Henderson, Paulding County Engineer - Mr. Henderson opened and read the bids for the 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects. Engineer's estimate for the project was \$148,636.76. (see resolution above)

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson met with the Commissioners to discuss records storage. She requested assistance in rotating records in various storage areas.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 4/20/09**

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

**Allowance Of Claims:**  
Warrants docketed as 157499 through 157640 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 15, 2009:

Gregory Hermiller, \$271.00; Erwin J. Bandy, \$2,032.50; Amy Oliver, \$330.08; Sonya Adkins, \$205.04; Kris Blackburn, \$1,259.87; SAFY of Ohio, \$11,199.42; Adriel School, Inc., \$4,900.18

**In The Matter Of Awarding Bid For The 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects:**

Bids were received and opened for the 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects; and

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects to Ward Construction Company in the amount bid by them of \$125,739.50.

**Meeting Notes Of Appointments:**

Matt Davis, MVPO; and Nancy Speice, Mayor of Payne - Mr. Davis conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing for FY '09 CHIP program. Nancy Speice attended on behalf of the Village of Payne. Mr. Davis stated he is confident Paulding County will receive the \$540,000 they have applied for. The Village of Payne is the target area for private owner rehabilitation for FY '09. He encouraged Ms. Speice to inform Payne residents to apply for grant dollars if they meet eligibility requirements. All other proposed CHIP activities for FY '09 are county-wide.

**NORTHWEST PEERS SEMINAR #2: NW OHIO INDUSTRY & ECONOMY**

Teachers from all over Northwest Ohio (Van Wert, Paulding, Defiance, Williams, Henry, Fulton, Hancock, Lucas, Seneca, Sandusky, Ottawa, Putnam, and Wood Counties) are invited to attend a workshop "NW Ohio Industry & Economy" on May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Sauder Heritage Inn, Archbold, or on May 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Toledo Museum of Art. This workshop is a one day workshop that will be repeated at each location. Presenters are Laura Baird from the Ohio Historical Society and Barbara Floyd, the archivist for the University of Toledo.

The seminar will examine the development of industry in Northwest Ohio and its impact on the area's economy. Teachers will learn more

about using primary sources in the classroom, area educational resources, and historical influences during this time period. All materials and supplies including resource CD's and books for classroom use will be provided.

The workshop is free and sponsored by the Western Buckeye ESC, Sauder Village, and the Ohio Historical Society, through the Teaching American History grant entitled Northwest PEERS. The grant is a three year project, funded specifically for professional development for social studies teachers in the northwest Ohio region. It is designed to encourage teachers to deepen and broaden their knowledge of American History, increase the quality of instruction, increase teacher use of primary source materials and improve student achievement. Content for all of the professional development series will focus on making a connection between local and regional historical events and American historical events. Substitute teachers for the teachers attending will be paid through the grant. For more information about this program and the grant, contact grant director Chris Feichter at cfeichter@wb.noacsc.org.

For registration, go to <http://66.114.3.34/wbescpd/index.php> to register online using the Professional Development registration link by April 27, 2009.

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Oakwood Elementary will be celebrating Right to Read Week May 4-8. With track season just starting, the theme for this year is "Track Down a Good Book." Some of the planned activities include a visit from Anndrena Belcher- a storyteller, library visits to Cooper Community Library and a presentation from our own Mrs. Caroline Arend about her new book Grandpa Doesn't Like Snakes. Look for updates and prize winners in the future.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 4/20/09**

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

**Allowance Of Claims:**  
Warrants docketed as 157499 through 157640 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 15, 2009:

Gregory Hermiller, \$271.00; Erwin J. Bandy, \$2,032.50; Amy Oliver, \$330.08; Sonya Adkins, \$205.04; Kris Blackburn, \$1,259.87; SAFY of Ohio, \$11,199.42; Adriel School, Inc., \$4,900.18

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# ARCHERS SCHLATTER & REINHART SCORE HOME RUNS AGAINST ACES



The Lady Archers went to the Aces field 4/23 and played a fantastic game. The girls won against Hicksville 12-5. Shown here is Junior Darcie Reinhart who shortly after this picture pounded a Grand Slam Homerun over the fence. The Archer boys lost 3-0 against the Aces. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Kole Schlatter smacked a solo home run in the third inning and Darcie Reinhart ripped a grand slam home run in the fifth to lead the Archers to a 12-5 victory over Hicksville in GMC softball action on April 23. The victory moves the Archers record to 5-1 on the season and 2-1 in the GMC. Schlatter also added two singles to her hit

total while Reinhart chipped in with a double and 5 RBI's on the night. Singles by AJ Stuck, Toni Winslow, Loni Walk, and Alaine Wetli provided the additional support Schlatter needed as she picked up her second victory of the season on the mound by striking out four and allowing just one earned run.

# ANTWERP SOFTBALL PICK UP A PAIR IN DH

The softball team picked up a pair of victories over North Central on Saturday, May 24 after suffering their second loss of the season on Friday at the hands Evergreen.

On Saturday Kole Schlatter pitched seven innings of no-hit ball as the Archers easily handled North Central eleven to zero. Haylie Forrer led the team at the plate by going three for five with three singles. Alaine Wetli pitched in with a single and a triple in four trips to the plate.

On the mound Schlatter proved too much as she faced 22 batters, striking out seventeen and allowing no walks.

In game two Vanessa Gordon posted her fourth win on the mound by allowing just one hit over six innings of work while striking out four and walking two to lead the Archers to a seventeen to three victory. Jessie Arnold paced the team at the plate with a double and three RBI's while Forrer and Wetli also chipped in with doubles. With the win the Archers move to seven and two on the season.

# LADY RAIDERS SHUT OUT PILOTS IN VARSITY SOFTBALL

Score by Innings:  
Ayersville - 0 0 0 0 0 0  
0=0  
Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 1 1  
x=2  
Winning Pitcher -McDougle  
Other Pitcher -Critten  
Losing Pitcher - Mengerink

Wayne Trace Hitters - Dunham (two singles), Feasby (single), McDougle (single)  
Ayersville Hitters - Zachrich (single), Call (single)

# WAYNE TRACE BASEBALL STATS AS OF 4/27/09

These are the partial stats for the Wayne Trace baseball team as of 4/27/09:  
Horner, Andrew - 16 hits, 2 HR, 364 avg, 5 RBI  
Dasher, Evan - 14 hits, 0 HR, 311 avg, 5 RBI  
Morehead, Joe - 16 hits, 1 HR, 372 avg, 10 RBI  
Davis, Justin - 13 hits, 0 HR, 310 avg, 12 RBI  
Horner, Dylan - 8 hits, 0 HR, 229 avg, 3 RBI

Critten, Gage - 2 hits, 0 HR, 167 avg, 2 RBI  
Duer, Ashton - 2 hits, 0 HR, 80 avg, 4 RBI  
Jerome, Ryne - 4 hits, 0 HR, 174 avg, 4 RBI  
Miller, Jason - 1 hit, 0 HR, 143 avg, 0 RBI  
Reichert, Taylor - 6 hits, 2 HR, 462 avg, 8 RBI  
Willborn, Tim - 1 hit, 0 HR, 71 avg, 1 RBI  
Haney, Dylan - 2 hits, 0 HR, 111 avg, 1 RBI  
Baksa, Derek - 6 hits, 1 HR, 273 avg, 5 RBI  
Speice, Austin - 2 hits, 0 HR, 133 avg, 0 RBI  
McClain, Nate - 1 hit, 0 HR, 250 avg, 3 RBI  
Wiseman, Gavin - 0 hits, 0 HR, 0 avg, 1 RBI

# 4 WINS FOR WARRIOR BASEBALL

Game scores for Woodlan Warriors baseball team are as follows:

April 20 - Woodlan vs. Antwerp - 17-3, 5 innings  
April 16 - Woodlan vs. Eastside - 4-1, 7 innings  
April 17 - Woodlan vs. South Side - 5-2, 7 innings  
April 18 - Woodlan vs. Bishop Luers - 19-14, 7 innings

# WAYNE TRACE BASEBALL TAKE TWO FROM NORTH CENTRAL

Game one: Wayne Trace 10, North Central 8  
Records: Wayne Trace 5-8 (GMC 1-2); North Central 1-7  
Score by inning:  
Wayne Trace - 0 1 2 4 0 3  
0=10  
North Central - 2 2 1 2 1  
0=8

Wayne Trace had 10 runs and 10 hits. North Central had 8 runs and 12 hits  
Winning pitcher: Ryne Jerome ( 2½ innings, 1 run, 3 hits, 1 bb, 2 k's, 0 errors); Save: Joe Morehead (1 inning, 0 runs, 1 hit, 2 k's, 0 BB); Other pitcher: Gage Critten  
Losing Pitcher: L. Kidston (7 innings, 10 runs, 10 hits, 3 BB, 4 k's)

HT: - Evan Dasher 3 hits (2 doubles), Andrew Horner 2 hits, Joe Morehead 1 hit, Gage Critten 1 hit (double), Derek Baksa 3 hits (1 HR & 1 double)  
NC - A. Kidston 4 hits (1 HR & 1 double), M. Torres 2 hits, D. Wyrick 1 hit (double), L. Kidston 2 hits (HR), N. Fee 1 hit, J Strawer 2 hits  
Game Two: WT 16 and NC 6  
Records: WT 6-8 (GMC 1-2); NC 1-8

Score by the inning:  
WT - 1 0 0 0 13 0 2=16  
NC - 1 3 2 0 0 0=6  
Wayne Trace had 16 runs with 11 hits and 2 errors; North Central had 6 runs with 8 hits and 3 errors.

Winning Pitcher: Dylan Horner (5 innings, 6 runs, 8 hits, 3 k's, 3 BB); other Pitcher: Andrew Horner  
Losing Pitcher: Wheeler (5 innings, 14 runs, 9 hits, 4 k's, 13 BB)  
Hits:  
WT - Evan Dasher 4 hits (2 doubles), Andrew Horner 1 hit, Joe Morehead 1hit (double), Dylan Horner 2 hits (double), Nate McClain 1 hit, Jason Miller 1 hit, Justin Davis 1 hit (double)  
NC - A. Kidston 3 hits (3HR), N. Torres 1 hit, L. Kidston 1 hit, Wheeler 1 hit, A. King 2 hits (HR)

# WT BASEBALL GIVE & TAKE AGAINST PANTHERS & PILOTS



The Panther boys Baseball team went to the Raiders field and had a close game. The Raiders on 4/24 won in a low scoring contest 2-0. Paulding's #9 made an attempt to steal 2nd, but Wayne Trace's catcher Justin Davis hurled the ball to Jason Miller for the out. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace (3-8 GMC:1-2) vs Ayersville (5-5 GMC 2-1):  
Score by the inning:  
Ayersville - 0 3 0 0 0 1  
0=4  
WT - 1 0 0 0 0 0=1  
Ayersville won with 4 runs, 6 hits and 0 errors; while WT had just 1 run with 5 hits and 2 errors.

Winning Pitcher: Travis Fry (1 run, 5 hits, 7 K's, 2 BB, 0 errors)  
Losing Pitcher: Andrew Horner (4 runs, 6 hits, 6 k's, 2 BB, 2 errors)  
Ayersville Hits: Jeremy Seifert 1 hit; Logan Wolfrum 1 hit; Travis Fry 1 hit; Dillon Flint 1 hit; Sam Mack 1 hit; and JJ Erickson 1 hit  
WT Hits: Andrew Horner 1 hit; Joe Morehead 1 hit;

Austin Speice 2 hits; Derek Baksa 1 hit  
Wayne Trace (4-8 GMC 1-2) vs Paulding (1-10)  
Score by the innings:  
Paulding - 0 0 0 0 0 0=0  
WT - 0 1 1 0 0 0=2  
Paulding left with 0 runs, 2 hits and 1 error. WT had 2 runs, 3 hits and 1 error  
Winning Pitcher: Joe Morehead (3-1) (7 innings, 0 runs, 2 hits, 2 k's, 1 walk, 1 error)  
Losing Pitcher: Haden Sholl (innings 7, 2 runs, 3 hits, 2 k's, 2 walks, 1 error)  
WT Hits: Joe Morehead 1 hit; Justin Davis 1 hit (double); Dylan Horner 1 hit  
Paulding Hits: Garrett Stoller 1 hit; Logan Stoller 1 hit

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### HONEYBEES CRITICAL TO SUCCESS OF OHIO FARMERS

Capitol Letters Weekly  
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

From farmers to laborers to manufacturers, thousands of people have contributed to the growth of Ohio's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry, but the future success of our state's farmers and the quality and availability of many of our favorite foods could depend on the health of an unexpected source, the honeybee.

That's right; the honeybee—that yellow and black bug that carries a painful sting—is actually a vital asset to our nation's farmers, pollinating dozens of crops, from fruits and vegetables to nuts and other specialty items. Estimates show that bee pollination accounts for about one-third of the U.S. diet.

However, over the past few years, beekeepers in Ohio and across the country have

reported serious declines in their honeybee colonies. Millions of bees have either died or failed to return to their hives. This mysterious trend, which scientists are calling colony collapse disorder (CCD), has left many beekeepers and other people in the agriculture community worried about their future. This problem could also impact the quality and price of the food we eat, as well as the stability of our state's economy.

Scientists have several theories about potential causes for CCD, from parasites to poor bee nutrition to high levels of stress in adult bees, but they have yet to identify a specific reason for their disappearance. As research continues in this area, efforts are underway in the General Assembly to address the decline of Ohio's honeybees.

I recently cosponsored Senate Bill 101, legislation that would establish the Ohio Beekeepers Task Force, a panel of scientists, farmers, beekeepers, legislators and state agency leaders charged with studying the disappearance of honeybees in Ohio and developing a plan to protect and restore our state's bee population.

The Task Force would include members of the General Assembly, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio State Beekeepers Association, the Ohio State University Extension, the Ohio Farm Bureau and other organizations. The group would be required to submit a report of its findings, along with goals and recommendations, to the Governor, the General Assembly and the Ohio State Beekeepers Association.

Ohio's agriculture industry has weathered many storms over the years, and I am confident that through the work of scientists, beekeepers, farmers, legislators and other experts we will be able to solve the mysterious disappearance of Ohio's honeybees and ensure the continued success of agriculture in our state.

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**ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING**

By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp's Council met for a regular meeting on April 20 with all present.

Visitors: Dean Rister asked Council if they could delay putting in new sidewalks on 24W until after the new highway is done? He also asked if the town was responsible for a dead tree between two residents houses. The tree is not on Village property and he would have to work it out with the neighbor. He also asked about making two adjacent lots into one. Sarah Keeran advised him that he would need to get a surveyor.

Mary Leinard addressed the Council on the traffic problem on 24W. She read a letter she had composed about this problem. She asked that the speed limit be changed from 50mph to 25 or 35 mph along the business district on 24W. Chuck Starry of Chuck's Tires spoke of accidents and brakes squealing in front of this business. Ella Turner commented that the trucks don't slow down and go 50-60mph throughout there. Many other residents also commented on this problem. The Mayor said he understands completely. He lives in the area so he is familiar with the problem. Sarah Keeran did send a letter to ODOT and talked to Kirk Slusher from ODOT and was informed that nothing was going to be done and the Village would own that part of 24 once the new highway was done and the Village could make the speed limit whatever they wanted. It was decided that another letter would be written to ODOT as an emergency asking that the speed limit be lowered.

The grant money for the Depot from the Ohio Culture Facilities won't come through until the Village is out of Fiscal Watch. Because

of a backup in towns and villages under Fiscal Watch our Village probably won't be out until June.

Loretta Baker and Margaret Womack have been going through old obsolete Village paperwork and furniture, etc. from upstairs in the Town Hall. It was decided that these things would be donated to the V.E.T.S. Organization. Any monies received from these things will go for the V.E.T.S. Memorial.

Police Report: Chief Clemens reported 133 calls for service and 82 offenses. Chief also applied for a grant to help with funding patrolman. It is doubtful that his grant will be approved. Chief also asked about the museum problem. This problem with the items in the museum has been going on for several years now. The Chief needs more room for the police department. The Mayor and Council talked about this and are going to go forth in the process to have the items removed.

Councilman Mike Rohrs asked Chief Clemens about junk cars in yards. This problem will be looked into.

Administrator's Report: Sarah Keeran commented that she had not heard from one family on Main Street about fixing their sidewalks. A motion was passed to start the proceedings for the Village to take on the task. The homeowners would be charged on their real estate taxes for the cost of putting in the new sidewalks. Two Council members voted no on this motion, Karen Lee and Tom VanVlerah; the proceedings will go on.

Sarah Keeran talked about resetting the rear and side setbacks for fencing, all voted to pursue this.

Signage for home occupation businesses was discussed. The signage would have a criteria to follow, permits for home occupations would be necessary and a public meeting would be held. This would be in accordance with the zoning board. The Village wants to make it as easy as possible for residents to have home businesses.

Sarah Keeran applied for stimulus monies for road repair. No small villages will get any stimulus money for this.

W. Daggett Street's water line is to be repaired after which the street will be re-

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paired. The project is to start soon.

The water problem with 24W has been fixed.

A Wind Energy Farm is coming to southern Paulding County. The first phase will take place on Rd. 162 and 111. There will be a total of 300 wind turbines each 200' tall with a 100' wing span. The company will lease a total of 7,000 acres from farmers. An office complex and a maintenance shop will be located on an additional 30 acres. This will be set up for 30-40 permanent jobs. This will be Ohio's first Wind Farm and it's expected to attract tourists. The farm will be located between South Paulding County to Van Wert County. A public meeting will be set up.

Mayor Delong, Sarah Keeran and Jeremy Kosch met with ODOT and was informed that everything was going smoothly, according to schedule and the new highway will be open the end of this year.

When the new highway is completed ODOT will come in and repair highways and replace landscaping. There will be a meeting held for property owners in the right away.

June 18 at 11:00 a.m. an Army Reenactment on US 30 from Washington D.C. to San Francisco will be making its way through Antwerp. There will be 60-75 vehicles involved. This is the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when the first military convoy followed Lincoln Highway under President Roosevelt. It is also President Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is sponsored by the Military Vehicle Association.

Clean-up day was discussed and options will be looked into. Mike Rohrs suggested that the Village hire one sanitation company to service the whole town and have a once a month pick up for bigger items. The cost

Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency. accepted

Ordinance #2009-14: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Police Fund in the amount of \$27,500.00 and declare the same to be an emergency. This is a quarterly payment. approved

EMS Runs for March: Total Runs 13; Illness 9; MVC 0; Trauma 1; Fire Standby 3; Refusal 0; Antwerp 8; Carryall 3; Crane 1; Harrison 1

Mayor's Report: For the month of March a total of \$11,017.26 was brought into the Mayor's Court. \$1,430 was sent to the state. \$240.00 was fees. A total of \$9,347.26 was given to the Village with \$660.00 going to the Police and Mayor's Court Funds.

**MASONIC WIDOW'S NIGHT PLANNED IN HICKSVILLE**

Worshipful Master Joe Stotler opened the Lodge and the Pledge was given. Get well cards were sent to Suzy Kline, Wilbur Wright, and Richard Evans Sr. Birthday cards were also signed and sent to Guy Boylan May 6, Carl Clark May 14, Greg Headley May 2, and George Clemens May 5.

Those making up the eight 50-year members included Doyle Johnson, Gene McClellan, Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Estell Cottrell, Elmer Woodcock, Charles Carey, Richard Savage, and Derrill Kline. Others on the sideline included Tim Betts, Cecil Rasey, Russell St. John, Hanson "Curly" Lilly, Scott Ruppert, George Underwood, Jamie Chapman, Randy Brooks Sr., Mike Villena, Alvin Copsey, Lee Kallsen, Bill Metz, Richard Wann, Steve Schilb, Jim Kline, and William Fleitz.

The committee reports were as follows. The annual Scholarship Chicken Port-A-Pit Chicken Bar-B-Q date was set for June 27. Chair-

man Richard Savage reported that supplies are on hand and workers have been contacted. The annual Widow's Night will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 12. The meal will begin at 6:30 and will be catered by Suzy Kline. The guest speaker will be Liz Wittier from the Masonic I-Care Foundation.

Communication was read from Martha Bender thanking the Brethren for their thoughtful birthday card that was sent to her husband Raymond. The annual 5<sup>th</sup> District Awards Night will be held at the Essen Haus in Pettisville this year. The date is Friday May 15. There will be four attending from Hicksville.

The Grand Master's One Day Class will be held on Saturday June 13. This will be held at Bryan Lodge and start at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

The Hicksville Temple Board met just prior to the stated meeting. Members present included Bill Metz, Joe Stotler, Richard Wann, Jim Kline, and Tim Betts. Sec./Treas. Tim Betts read the treasurer's report and reported on the donations that are still coming in for the roof project. Nye Roofing has been contracted to remove and install a new roof over the entire 5700 square foot area of the Lodge. The project will commence in May or June depending on the weather. The furnace will be checked and filters will be changed by Scott Ruppert. The Lodge cleaning committee for the month of May will be Richard Wann and Jim Kline.

The next scheduled stated meeting will be May 13. The 2<sup>nd</sup> degree will be conferred on our newest candidate. The next Temple board meeting will be May 27. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. With no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form and harmony and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

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