

QUILTING ENTHUSIAST TO SPEAK AT JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at its public meeting, John Paulding Historical Society will host Dr. Patricia Essex, who will present a program entitled: "Quilting through the generations."

Dr. Essex has recently retired from BGSU where she was twice chosen by senior accounting students for the Senior Choice Award awarded to qualifying professors at BGSU. Pat has been a leader in developing online course materials for the College of Business Administration at BGSU. She has recently been granted emeritus status by the BGSU trustees in recognition of her years of scholarship and teaching.

Please mark your calendars and join us on May 26th for an outstanding program by a gifted speaker. Admission is free, and the facility on Fairground Drive in Paulding is wheelchair friendly.

—Cara L. Strahley, Secretary, JPHS

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009 PRESENTS ITS FOUR VALEDICTORIANS



Eric Ross

Eric Ross has been named valedictorian for the class of 2009 at Paulding High School. He is the son of Pat and Brian Ross of Paulding. Eric is graduating with a 4.067 GPA.

His academic activities and awards include NHS (11,12), Quiz Bowl (9,10), Science Olympiad (9-12), Student of the Month of January 2008 and March 2009. His sports activities and awards include Golf (10,11), Basketball (9-12), Track (9-12), the Northwest Conference Scholar Athlete (11,12), and the Basketball Coaches Award (12). Eric's favorite class is AP Calculus.

Eric is currently employed at the Paulding Water



Audrey Nice

Park. He plans to attend the University of Notre Dame where he will pursue a major in Chemical Engineering.

Audrey Nice has been named as Valedictorian of the class of 2009 at Paulding High School. She is the daughter of Dave and Jane Nice of Paulding. Audrey is graduating with a 4.047 GPA.

Her academic activities and awards include NHS, Science Olympiad, and the Engineering team, Honor Roll, Student of the Month, Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted. Her sports activities and awards include Cheerleading (2yrs), varsity letter, Most Improved, NWC Scholar Athlete. Other activities Audrey was involved with are Student Council, Band, FFA, and Drama Club. Extra curricular activities of Audrey's are 4-H camp counselor, junior leaders, Flatrock Jr. Farmers, Solid Rock Youth group, and Kim Hohman's Dance Works.

Audrey's favorite teacher is Miss Williams because, "She makes me laugh." Her most memorable experience of high school is marching



Spencer Wilhelm

band.

Audrey is currently employed at the Paulding Water Park. She plans to attend Taylor University where she will pursue a major in Math Education because she wants to be a high school math teacher.

Spencer Wilhelm has been named valedictorian for the class of 2009 at Paulding High School. He is the son of Dan and Laurie Wilhelm of Oakwood. Spencer is graduating with a 4.044 GPA.

His academic activities include NHS, Engineering team, Student Council, Science Olympiad, band, choir, quartet, drama, quiz bowl. Spencer is also involved in Junior Leaders, Flatrock Junior Farmers, Children's Choir, helping with Shut-In boxes, and Christmas for Kids.

His favorite teacher is Miss Williams because he says, "She really has a passion for teaching and is a great friend." His most memorable experience of high school is his senior year and band.

Spencer plans to attend the University of Toledo to major in Pharmacy because he'd like to become a retail pharmacist.

Haden Sholl has been named valedictorian for the class of 2009 at Paulding High School. He is the son of Bruce and Tammy Sholl of Oakwood. Haden is graduating with a 4.042 GPA.

His academic activities include the Engineering team, and vice president of NHS. Haden's sports activi-



Haden Sholl

ties and awards include football (4 yrs.), baseball (4 yrs.), Paulding County Progress Offensive Player of the Year (All-county, All-area, All-conference, All-district), quarterback, team offensive MVP, and Captain Award. He is also a member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish.

Haden's favorite class and teacher is, "AP U.S. History with Mr. Hatcher. His most memorable high school experience was starting off his senior year with a 56-14 win against Wayne Trace in football.

Haden plans to attend The Ohio State University and major in Engineering (Honors Program).

ACAC BASEBALL SAYS GOODBYE TO MEMORIAL STADIUM

By: Jeff Abbott

The ACAC played baseball in Memorial Stadium for the final time as the eight team conference came together for a Saturday in the park before the stadium is demolished in June. The conference first played there when the stadium opened 16 years ago and usually played two Friday night games and two Saturday games. This was the first time the conference played all their games in a single day in the former home of the Fort Wayne Wizards (now Tin Caps).

Bluffton and Woodlan made their day at Memorial Stadium last a little longer with the Tigers getting two runs in the top of the tenth inning and taking a 4-2 win over the Warriors. Cody Cochran scored on a triple from Tyler Holmes and Seth Higgins came off the bench and stroked a RBI single for an insurance run for the Tigers.

Score by the inning:
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Woodlan - 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
0 0=2

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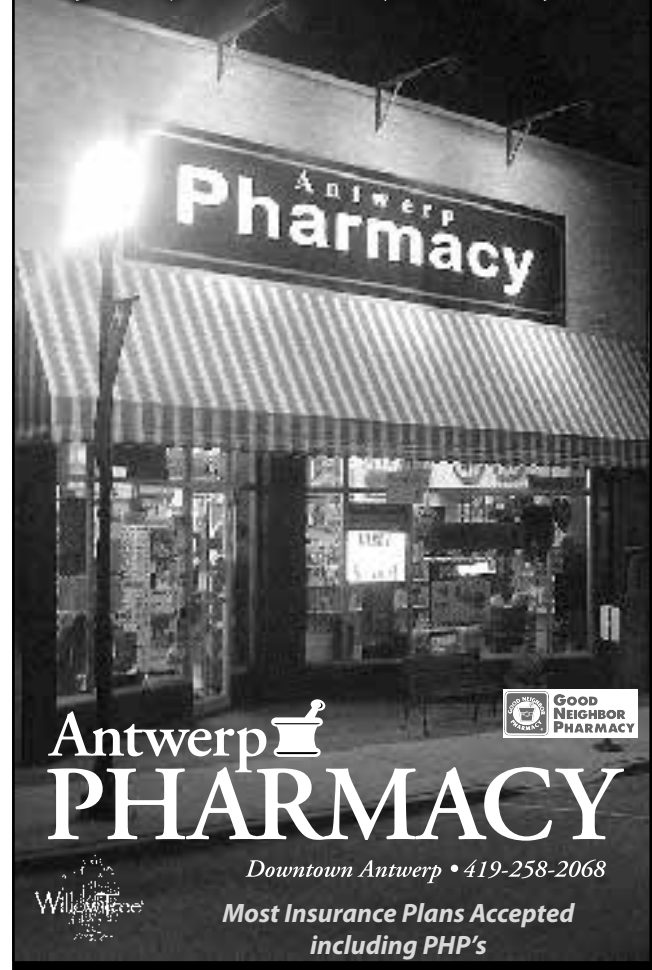
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OBITUARIES

Roger L. Bair Sr., 75, of Hicksville died Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born June 9, 1933 in Grover Hill, Ohio the son of Nathaniel and Bessie (Hubbard) Bair. He married Wilva Stuckey who preceded him in death in 1983. In 1983 he married Jacquelyn L. Bauer, who survives. He was a US Navy Veteran and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was owner/operator of R&B Electric and was an electrical contractor for Alexander Bebout Construction Co, Van Wert retiring in 1986. He was also co-owner/operator of "Village Fabrics & Crafts" of Hicksville. He attended Middle Creek United Methodist Church, Grover Hill and Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville. He was an electrician, woodworker and expert tinkerer.

He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn L. "Jacky" of Hicksville; five daughters: Rogula Bair, Rogena (Denny) Pancake, Rogana (Mahmoud) Megahed, Rogana Robeson, Rogeta (Joe) Lieber; a son, Lloyd (Susan) Bair Jr.; a brother, Ronald Bair; two sisters: Esther Swabley and Alice (Dave) Taylor; many grandchildren; many great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother,

Gary Bair; and a sister, Irene E. Bair.

Funeral services were conducted May 11, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Greg Wack officiating. Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill where Grover Hill V.F.W. Post #2873 accorded military graveside rites.

Donations may be made to Grover Hill High School Alumni Fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Eva B. Litzenberg, 92, formerly of Edgerton, Indiana, died Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at New Haven Care and Rehabilitation. Born in Edgerton, Indiana she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Kilgore. She was a member of Edgerton Wesleyan Church and for many years a cook at Jackson Twp. grade school and Woodlan High School.

She is survived by her children: Richard (Lora) Litzenberg and Beverly (Roger) Rekeweg both of Woodburn; sisters: Kathryn Eagleson and Patricia Miller both of Woodburn; six grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Everett Litzenberg in 2000; brother, Howard Kilgore; and sisters, Wilma Girardot and Geraldine Goings.

Service was May 9, 2009 at Edgerton Wesleyan Church, 26026 Dawkins Rd. Pastor David Dignal officiated. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne, Ohio. Preferred memorials to Edgerton Wesleyan Church, Woodburn.

Fannie G. Perl, 86, of Paulding, died May 5 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, OH.

She was born June 12, 1922 in Oakwood, Ohio the daughter of Losson and Elestia (Windle) Shafer. She had been employed as a waitress and cook for several years and as a nurse's aid at the Paulding County Hospital retiring in 1984. She attended the Paulding United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Paulding Eagles #2405 Women's Auxiliary serving as president and then as secretary for 10 years. She was also a member of the V.F.W. #587 Women's Auxiliary; a member of the Republican Women's Club; the John Paulding Historical Society; and was the County President of the Homemaker's Club in Crawford County, Indiana in 1971. She spent many enjoyable hours working at the Bargain Bin in Paulding.

She is survived by a daughter, Melody (Dennis) Peffley, Butler, Indiana; five sons, Paul (Roberta); David (Doris), and Robert (Joanne) all of Paulding, Richard (Marsha), Cecil, OH; and Gail (Judy), Van Wert; a sister, Marge Link, Defiance, 35 grandchildren; 58 great grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two sons: Willard and Philip; a daughter, Phyllis; two brothers: Irwin and Raymond; two sisters: Leota Lehman and Anna Leady; and two grandsons: Willy Perl Jr. and Robert Gibbs.

Funeral services were conducted May 9, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil, OH.

Donations may be made to the Paulding County Hospi-

tal. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

David J. Davis, 65, of Oakwood, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2009 at Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance.

He was born in Toledo, Ohio on October 27, 1943, he was the son of Virgil and Betty (Fruchey) Davis. He was born again June 1974.

He was a member of the Rock Church of rural Oakwood. He had been a pre-teen Sunday school teacher at Grace Tabernacle, and Adult Sunday school. He served in the U.S. Army.

He retired from G.M. Powertrain in 1994 after 30 years of service. He was a member of the UAW 211, AARP and the NRA.

He loved God, family, bible study, hunting and riding motorcycles.

He married Okie Nam August 25, 1973 and she survives. Also surviving are three sons: Michael of Columbus, Matthew of Oakwood and Virgil (Emily) Davis II of Alaska; four grandsons: David James Davis II, Kai, Samuel and Mason.

His mother and stepfather: Betty (Millard) Keith of Lake Orion, MI; three sisters: Valeria (Edwin) Stratton of Fort Myers, FL, Ellen (Tom) DeLore of Pontiac, MI, Kathy (John) Urech of Pennsylvania; a brother, Walter Keith of Michigan.

Preceded in death by his father Virgil.

Religious Services were at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home 1753 S. Clinton St. Defiance, on May 12, 2009 with Rev. Bobby Branham officiating.

Mausoleum entombment at Riverview Memory Gardens where VFW Post #3360 conducted honorary military graveside rites.

Suggested memorials are to the Rock Church or Oakwood E.M.S.

You may leave messages of comfort and condolences at www.defiancefuneralhome.com

CREATION #2

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

In our last lesson study we ended by looking at vegetation and God telling us that it would be after its kind.

Today we will be looking at day four, Genesis 1:14, and the word 'lights.' The word lights comes from the Hebrew word 'maor-' or 'me'orah' and means 'a luminous body,' so this would be what is in the universe, stars, planets, galaxies, sun, moon, so forth. Also we read about the word 'divide' and the Hebrew word for this is 'Badal' and means to separate or disjoin. With the earth being in total darkness, now God is dividing or separating the blackness to give us day and night. The word 'sign' used here in Hebrew is 'oth' and is used in marking time, such as days, months, spring, summer, fall, winter, and so forth. Days are the period of time when there is no darkness.

Looking at Genesis 1:15-19, in verse 15 God put the lights in the universe to give light upon the earth. In verse 16, it tells us that God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. Here

the word 'rule' in Hebrew is 'memshalah' and means 'to have dominion over.' Genesis 1:16 and Psalms 136:8-9 describes the sun's prevailing dominance during the day and moon's strength by night. And we see in verse 18 that God saw it was good and verse 19 this was the fourth day.

Now to look at Genesis 1:20-23 and what God is doing in these verses. Verse 20 tells us that God said, 'let the waters bring forth abundantly, the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.' Verse 21 tells us that God created all sea animals and birds. This also includes the insects and so forth; Deuteronomy 14:19-20; also study Leviticus 11:20 -25.

Notice so far what we have read in Genesis 1:1-23, God the maker of life disclosed in the acts of creation His very nature. He is a God of order and purpose who moves in all the created order to direct what He makes. The beauty, order, and majesty of the created world show God is a God of order, power and design.

Until next time, if you have questions please call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-5022. Jesus loves you and so do I!

THANK YOU

The family of Lucille Marsh wishes to express their gratitude to all the family, friends, and neighbors for their beautiful cards, flowers, gifts to the church and charities on behalf of our mother and grandmother during her illness and passing away. A special "thanks" to Karlann and Denny Lee, Dick and Vivian Schilb and Jonne and Mike Culler for their thoughtful gifts of food. We would also send our sincere gratitude to the following: The staff of the Gardens of Paulding, Dr. James H. Gray, the Presbyterian Women for the delicious luncheon, Rev. Ralph Klinker for his visits and comforting words, and Dooley Funeral Home for their wonderful, caring service.

With sincere gratitude,
—Cindy & Mike Seslar,
Cheryl & Redge Radke & family,
Robert & Kris Marsh & family,
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Susan & Steve Laney & sons
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CORRECTION

The Paulding High School article about the mock crash two weeks ago (issue 17) there were errors that need corrected. It should have read that Andrew and Melinda, not Heather, died. Hayden, not Andrew, was the driver and received the Breathyzer test, was handcuffed and taken to jail. We apologize for any confusion this has caused.

—WBN editors

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE

The Chief Relay for Life team is hosting a Spaghetti Luncheon and Bake Sale at the Youth Building at the Fairgrounds on May 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All proceeds from the Luncheon and Bake Sale will go to Relay for Life. This is the same day as the Community Garage Sales in Paulding, so stop out for lunch while you're out finding great buys around town.

Relay for Life is Friday, June 5 starting at 6:00 p.m. with Survivor Registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. and lasting until Saturday, June 6 at Noon.

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LOS GALLITOS WII WINNER ANNOUNCED



Last Wednesday, May 6, Los Gallitos in Paulding held their drawing for the Nintendo Wii game system they were giving away as a part of their Grand Opening. Pictured here is Jennifer Hart, owner, with the winner Ashley Lloyd from Defiance.

BUCKEYE POWER GENERATING ACQUIRES ADDITIONAL OVEC CAPACITY

Buckeye Power Generating, LLC (Buckeye Generating), a subsidiary of Buckeye Power, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, has secured 214 megawatts (MWs) of coal-fired base load generation in an acquisition of a nine-percent ownership interest in Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) and an entitlement to the power from its Kyger Creek and Clifty Creek power stations.

Buckeye Power provides wholesale electricity to the members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative.

Buckeye Generating, already the owner of nine percent of OVEC's generation, reached agreement with another OVEC capacity owner, First Energy Generation Corp., a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., to acquire an additional nine-percent entitlement from OVEC. The transaction is worth approximately \$252 million.

"This gives us a bridge over uncertain regulatory and legislative times and buffers cost members from the costs of additional base load generation," said Pat O'Loughlin, vice president of power supply and chief operating officer. "Building a new coal-fired power plant today entails extremely high risks, even if you can get regulatory approval."

"Global climate change issues and future greenhouse gas laws mean special treatment and scrutiny for new plants," O'Loughlin explained. "We wanted to find competitively priced, low-risk opportunities for adding base load capacity."

O'Loughlin said Buckeye's existing relationship with OVEC made the decision to acquire additional capacity; wise for today and the future.

OVEC owns and operates five 217-MW units at Kyger Creek in Gallia County, Ohio, and six 217-MW units at Clifty Creek near Madison, Indiana.

Both the Kyger Creek and Clifty Creek stations were constructed and began generating in the mid-1950s to supply the power requirements of the Atomic Energy Commission uranium-enrichment plant in Pike County. Fifteen investor-owned utilities, as "sponsoring companies," formed OVEC to undertake the project, which at the time represented the launching of two of the largest power plants in the world.

When facilities at the uranium enrichment plant were decommissioned, the OVEC sponsoring companies began receiving the full output from the plants.

Buckeye Generating first acquired OVEC capacity in March of 2006. Other sponsoring companies include affiliates of First Energy, American Electric Power, Allegheny Energy, Duke Energy, DPL, E.ON U.S., and Vectren.

Buckeye Power, Inc., is a generation-and-transmission cooperative supplying power and energy to its 25 member electric distribution cooperatives.

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative serves nearly 13,000 member/consumers in Northwest Ohio and part of Indiana.

LITERATURE ONLINE

By: Ellen Williams, PEVS

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HONORING OUR MILITARY THROUGH LEGISLATION

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

This month, Armed Forces Day on May 16th and Memorial Day on May 25th both serve as reminders of the sacrifices our servicemembers have made. With nearly 6,000 Army, Navy and Air Force recruits here in Ohio, it is extremely important that we provide our servicemembers with adequate resources and assistance. Here in the Ohio House of Representatives, several pieces of legislation are undergoing debate that could benefit our veterans and improve services for our military.

Throughout most of our nation's history, military veterans have been given some degree of consideration after deployment to ensure they were not penalized for job absence due to military service. The federal government instituted a policy known as "veterans preference," which seeks to compensate veterans for their economic sacrifices by helping them transition back into the workforce and, in some cases, secure government jobs. House Bill 20, introduced by Representative Gerald Stebelton (R-Lancaster), aims to eliminate the requirement that a veteran be a resident of Ohio in order to qualify for veterans preference on state civil service exams. As the law currently stands, veterans who seek state employment in Ohio will not be eligible for veterans preference, which penalizes our most deserving citizens as well as discour-

ages growth and population influx in Ohio.

Additionally, Representative Randy Gardner (R-Browning Green) recently introduced House Bill 142, which seeks to examine the condition and sustainability of local veterans posts in Ohio. If enacted, the bill would establish the Commission for the Future of Local Veterans Posts, a nine-member non-profit committee comprised of appointees by the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, minority leaders of both chambers, and the director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. The commission would investigate the economic status, state funding, and local and civic impact of the veterans posts, as well as conduct public meetings on its study results and recommendations on improvement.

In addition to these proposed measures, my colleagues and I recently passed legislation that will benefit those in the armed forces who are transitioning back into active duty. House Bill 64 will enable military members to terminate rental leases early upon receiving orders for deployment. The bill also establishes specific procedures and duties for both the landlord and the tenant to follow under these circumstances.

Assisting our men and women in uniform through legislation is the greatest privilege of a state legislator. As these brave Americans protect our country domestically and abroad, we must do our part to promote legislation that supports our military and supports the values for which they risk their lives to defend. Although we will never be able to fully repay our servicemembers for their sacrifice and commitment, it is my hope that these pieces of legislation will make life during and after deployment a little easier. As my colleagues and I in the Ohio House embark on further deliberation, I will continue to promote legislation that honors our military men and women.

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

NEW HISTORICAL BOOK OF PAULDING COUNTY

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce has once again paired up with M.T. Publishing Company to publish a new pictorial history book.

Types of pictures to be included are taken prior to 1970. There is no cost to provide a picture.

You may submit a picture at the chamber office in Paulding. Deadline is June 15.

Patron pages are available for full or half pages. Patron pages recognize your business, organization, church or family for future generations to reference.

Pre-orders for the volume two history book are being accepted at the chamber office for delivery at Christmas time.

For additional information, you may contact the Paulding Chamber office at 419-399-5215.

PAULDING LIBRARY WINS NATIONAL DUMMIES CONTEST!



It is not too often that anyone would be thrilled to win a "dummies" contest, but the Paulding County Carnegie Library is ecstatic! Word has been received that the library is the Grand Prize winner of Wiley Publishing's "Dummy" display contest. The "Dummy" series are instructional books addressing a plethora of subjects in a non-intimidating manner - using informal prose that is simple and direct; bold icons, such as a piece of string tied around an index finger, are placed in the margin to indicate particularly important passages.

The 2009 For Dummies Library Display Contest is an annual contest that offers participating libraries, an opportunity to showcase their

collection of For Dummies titles. The reward is increased circulation of books in this popular series and the opportunity to win For Dummies books for the library's collection, a trophy, a pizza party for library staff, and a selection of Dummies branded promotional items such as mugs, book totes, and t-shirts.

To participate, libraries were to build a yellow and black (the brand's signature colors) Dummies display. Past grand prize winners include the Pasadena Public Library (CA)...

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back porch and an attached three-car garage with interior steps to the full, unfinished basement. The outside of the house boasts a stained front door with side lights and brick front with vinyl siding.

The custom oak cabinets were built by the junior Carpentry students. The senior Electricity students installed all the wiring for the house.

The house is currently under contract. For directions or more information about the house, please call Bob Vennekotter at 419-238-5411 ext. 122.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/13 THROUGH 5/27

- Breakfast:*
 5/13 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 5/14 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 5/15 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 5/18 - Pizza, juice, milk
 5/19 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
 5/20 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 5/21 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 5/22 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 5/25 - No School, Memorial Day
 5/26 - Pizza, juice, milk
 5/27 - Cook's choice
Lunch:
 5/13 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa/sour cream, corn, sherbet, milk
 5/14 - Cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, applesauce, milk
 5/15 - Corn dog, green beans, pineapple, milk
 5/18 - French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage links, 100% OJ, milk

- 5/19 - Sack lunch Elementary, Ham/cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, apple, milk; WT: Bar-b-que pork sandwich
 5/20 - Hot dog/bun, french fries, peaches, milk; WT: Chili dog
 5/21 - Chicken nuggets, Raider tators, Raider fruited jello/topping, milk
 5/22 - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, corn, applesauce, peanut butter fudge, milk
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 5/26 - Cook's Choice
 5/27 - Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, assorted fruits, milk; Last Day of School!

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CORY DOBBELAERE TO SPEAK AT MAY NAMI MEETING

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) support group of Paulding, Mercer and Van Wert Counties will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18. Meetings, which are open to the public, are held the third Monday of each month at the Drop-In Center located at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert which is several blocks south of Vantage Career Center.

Cory Dobbelaere, who grew up in Paulding County and graduated from the Paulding High School, will be the speaker. He has worked in three different Fortune 500 companies and has lived and traveled extensively throughout the world.

His life has been plagued and blessed with mental illness and has provided incredible experiences as well as life altering consequences from high rise living and a jet set life to homelessness and back again. Now, at 38 years of age, Cory is in the final stages of completing his first book, "Harrison's Story" due to be published in August, 2009. It is a fictional book based on the realities of his life and the challenges and accomplishments. "Harrison's Story" is not a sad story but a story of an extraordinary life and challenges.

As he looks back at his past, he states that he is not sure how he made it through all of it but he understands why. He has become dedicated to helping those that are having similar experiences. He states, "I will utilize every experience I have, every bit of education I have and every ounce of skill that I have to reduce the number of people that are at risk of having to live through what I have."

The Harrison's Story website (www.harrisonstory.com) was launched on March 1, 2009 in an effort to utilize Cory's experiences to help others and enable us to be politically aware of the laws and the state of the criminal justice system as it pertains to mental illness.

The NAMI organization provides educational classes on the major mental illnesses such as depression, bipolar disorder, OCD, anxiety-panic disorders, schizophrenia, and post traumatic stress for those living with the illnesses as well as family members.

The local affiliate which covers Paulding, Mercer and Van Wert Counties meets the third Monday of each month and may be reached by calling 419-238-2413 or 800-541-NAMI (6264) or by e-mail to namivw@roadrunner.com.

SENATE HANDED IRRESPONSIBLE, UNBALANCED BUDGET

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Our state's economy is in a rough spot right now. Many businesses have shut their doors, people are losing their jobs and families have been forced to cut back spending to meet their basic needs. However, as Ohioans responsibly tighten their financial belts, the Governor and Democrats in the Ohio House have recklessly fattened the size of Ohio's operating budget.

In early February, the Strickland Administration introduced a \$54.3 billion budget proposal for fiscal years 2010-2011—House Bill 1—which increases state spending over the biennium and is weakly held together by more than \$7 billion in one-time state and federal money, including Ohio's rainy day fund—an emergency savings account that the Legislature has worked to build up in recent years. This large amount of one-time spending will surely lead to significant tax increases when these funds dry up two years from now.

Over the past three months, as HB 1 was being debated in the House Finance & Appropriations Committee, Republicans have repeatedly voiced concerns about the sustainability of using one-time money to balance the budget, particularly at a time when state revenues are slumping and there is tremendous uncertainty about the condition of Ohio's economy moving forward. These concerns were met with criticism from the Strickland Administration and House Democrats.

On April 29, the House passed its version of HB 1. Despite warning signs that state tax receipts could be significantly lower than anticipated, the proposal actually increases spending by more than \$680 million over the Governor's budget plan. The Governor said then that he believes he could support all the changes made in the House bill.

The House got credit from many advocacy groups for restoring funding for some social services and directing dollars to other areas of the budget. However, it was discovered this past week that many of these funding promises were made with money that wasn't there.

On May 5, Office of Budget and Management Director, Pari Sabety, and Ohio Department of Tax Commissioner, Rich Levin, announced that due to weak state tax collections, Ohio could face a shortfall of at least \$600 million and possibly more than \$900 million in the current fis-

CELEBRATING OUR MOTHERS!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently had their Mother's tea at preschool. Our moms and grandmoms were welcomed to school, seated, served cookies, juice and iced tea. We sang a song about how much we loved them and pre-

sented them with beautiful flowers we planted ourselves at school!

Shown here is John Tuto giving his 'mawmaw' the flower he planted for her. John is in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Carrie Myers.

cal year, which ends July 1. Ohio's rainy day fund may have to be used to fill this revenue gap in FY 09, which would create at least a \$1 billion hole in HB 1, because both the Governor and the House used the state savings account to balance their versions of the FY10-11 budget.

Furthermore, during testimony in the Senate Finance & Financial Institutions Committee on May 7, Director Sabety told members that current revenue estimates for HB 1 will almost certainly be lowered when new forecasts are completed in mid-June. This budgetary revision could deepen the budget hole by hundreds of millions of dollars.

The Senate has been handed a budget bill that was poorly-crafted and seriously out of balance. Our

job is now to make the tough decisions necessary to fix it. In the coming weeks, I will work with my colleagues to ensure that we pass a more realistic, sustainable budget that dramatically reduces spending, protects against a damaging tax increase on Ohio families and invests in what matters most to Ohioans and the future success of our state.

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

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE FCCLA NATIONAL CONTESTANT



Vantage FCCLA national contestant Avery Etzler from Lincolnview works with preschoolers during lab.

Avery Etzler, a junior from Lincolnview High School enrolled in the Vantage Early Childhood Education program, will represent Vantage at the 2009 National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Leadership meeting in Nashville, Tennessee this summer. "Beyond the Label" is the theme of the conference, which will be held July 12 - 16.

Avery will compete in the Early Childhood Star event, representing Vantage Career Center and the state of Ohio in the national competition. She earned her spot as a national competitor by placing first in the state of Ohio FCCLA competition in April. The Early Childhood Star

event requires that Avery prepare a portfolio of lesson plans and documentation of experiences as well as a resource container prior to the contest. At the competition, she will have 30 minutes to plan an activity related to a theme. Avery will have 15 minutes for the oral presentation portion of the competition.

In addition to the competition, Avery and her FCCLA advisor and Vantage junior Early Childhood Education teacher, Linda Morris, will attend sessions on training, youth issues, project development and exhibits.

Avery said, "I'm really looking forward to representing Vantage at the national competition." Avery's plans

include attending college after her senior year and possibly majoring in Child Psychology.

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

Congratulations and Good Luck, Avery!

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

The Veterans Photo Display, Monday Night Magic: The Gathering, the monthly on-line adult book discussion group, the Green Up Your Clean Up Program, and the twice monthly Role Playing game Group highlight the week of May 16-22 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Honor our veterans from Armed Forces Day, May 16, through Memorial Day and D-Day, June 6, at the Johnson Memorial Library. As a part of the 70th anniversary of Hicksville library services, the Friends of the Hicksville Library are sponsoring a Veterans Photo Display, beginning May 16, to honor our veterans and active service men and women. The photos will be on display through June 6.

The Johnson Memorial Library has already received over 100 veterans' photos and will continue accepting photos of Hicksville-area veterans and currently serving military men and women through June 6. The photos will be scanned for the display with the original photos returned to the families. And then in the fall, these photos will be bound into a book as a lasting reminder of the sacrifice Hicksville-area service members and their families have made.

In addition to the photos shared by individual families, Grover Blalock has shared his extensive research into Hicksville and Antwerp-area World War II veterans. Over years of research, he has compiled military photos, cemetery and gravestone photos, military records, and regimental histories of our World War II veterans. A copy of his DVD-rom will be shone on one of the library's computers throughout the photo display.

Branch Manager Amy Murphy shared, "We want to honor and remember as many of our veterans as we possibly can from both war time and peace time including veterans from the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War,

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

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

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

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

Enjoy an inspirational mystery by Dee Henson at the Johnson Memorial Library's monthly adult book discussion group on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. This month, the group will be discussing *Before I Wake*. The monthly book discussion group is free and is open to everyone. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

According to the book jacket, "Welcome to Justice... And good luck leaving alive. Sheriff Nathan Justice loves the town he serves. Founded by his family generations before, Justice, Illinois, is mostly a peaceful place. But the tranquility has just been shattered. Women visiting Justice are being murdered. Tourists in nice hotels, money still in their billfolds, jewelry still in the dresser. Quiet kills—they go to sleep and never awaken. Rae Gabriella left the FBI after an undercover investigation turned terribly wrong. She's seeking to rebuild her life, and working as a private investigator alongside her former boyfriend Bruce Chapel in Justice, Illinois, seems like a place to start. But she suspects finding some peace and restoring her shaken faith will

RECYCLE, YES WE CAN



Drake (Antwerp 3rd grader) and Rob Gerken readies the recycling bins.

By: Sue Knapp

Rob Gerken cares about the area he has lived in all his life. He has worked for National Serv-All out of Van Wert where they are very proactive about recycling. He felt a need for a recycling program in Antwerp. With that in mind he has started a recycling service in the area called Erie Recycling Services. Rob now serves Antwerp, Paulding and Payne. Rob furnishes the bins and will pick up every two weeks. The first pickup in Antwerp was Saturday, May 9. You just throw all your recyclables in the bin, put it out next to your street and Rob will pick it up and sort. He will pick up appliances except those that hold freon and grills. He will not take styrofoam, plastic shopping bags or garbage.

A list of items he will take will be provided. Rob

also takes care of the Rotary Trailer, cleaning it out twice a week.

Rob would like to start a recycling program in school and teach the children about recycling and show how it's done. He also has other projects in mind that he will work on in the future.

Rob and wife, Kathy, currently have seven children, their three boys and four foster children. They are in the process of completing the adoption for a little girl. The kids are excited about the program and help Rob with it. They are learning to be responsible in keeping the earth clean.

Watch for the signage on 49S by the Waterplant Road. He operates in the building behind the American Legion.

caption: Drake (Antwerp 3rd grader) and Rob Gerken readies the recycling bins.

take more than just a change of location. The sheriff is not pleased to find Rae working a case on behalf of one of the victims' families. Rae is staying in the same hotel where one of the women died, and her looks suggest she could be the next victim. Now that Bruce, Rae, and Nathan are forced to work around each other, the situation is threatening to become something much more personal... and it will test the faith of everyone it touches before it is over..."

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

Learn how to green up your clean up at the Johnson Memorial Library on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. The program is free and is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. The Green Up Your Clean Up Program will be led by Eileen Leon, who will share green techniques and recipes that will save you time and money and will also help the planet. Learn how to green-clean your kitchen, bath, walls, windows, floor, and upholstery.

For more information please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its twice monthly Role Playing

Game Group on Friday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m. The Role Playing Game Group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested in fantasy role playing games. The group will be facilitated by Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris.

For more information call 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

BF GOODRICH RETIREES BREAKFAST

BF Goodrich Retirees are planning a breakfast on May 16 at 9:00 a.m. They will be meeting at the Vagabond Restaurant east of Antwerp on US24. Hope to see everyone there!

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF 5/13 THROUGH 5/20

5/13 - Chicken fajita or cook's choice, blueberry crisp, celery & carrots, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

5/14 - French toast sticks or pork fritter on bun, orange juice, hash browns, sausage links, milk; NO fries or salad bar

5/15 - Cheese pizza or chicken salad sandwich, salad, peaches, vanilla wafers, milk; NO fries or salad bar

5/18 - Cheeseburger on bun or burrito, green bean casserole, pineapple, milk; NO fries or salad bar

5/19 - Pizza bagel or spicy chicken strips, apple crisp, corn, milk; NO fries or salad bar

5/20 - Archer sack lunch: ham & cheese on bun, carrots, apple, milk; Last Day of School!

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MACHINE GUN JACK MCGURN

By: Stan Jordan

Jack "Machine Gun" McGurn was born Vincenzo Gibaldi in 1905 in Licata Sicily, Italy. A year later his family emigrated to America, arriving at Ellis Island on November 24, 1906. The family later moved to Chicago, and he grew up in the slums.

But before that while he was in New York, he didn't run with the rough gangs, he stayed out of the circles until his father was killed by a member of The Waite Gang by mistake. He was mistaken for "Willie Two Knife Aleri." McGurn got Frankie Yales consent and killed all three of The Hitmen responsible for his father's death. Al Capone heard of the cool killer and asked Frankie Yale to bring him to Chicago.

Years later he was a suspect in the murder of Frankie Yale. It was done by a tommy gun.

McGurn owed a speak easy in the infamous Green Mill. It was right in the middle of rival Bugs Moran & territory. He was given a 25% ownership of the Jazz Club, if he would persuade singer and comedian Joe E. Lewis not to move his act south to the new Rendezvous Club. He did it by slitting his throat, cutting a portion of his tongue and leaving him for dead. Lewis recovered but his injuries to his mouth and throat made his singing unenjoyable. They never regained their Irish sound.

I guess McGurn is best known for the fact that he planned the St. Valentine's

Day Massacre. He attempted to kill Bugs Moran and seven of his gang, but Moran felt something was wrong and he stayed out of the garage. Seven men were lined up and slaughtered in a city garage. McGurn had fixed up an alibi where by a blonde lied that he was with her all day.

In April 1930 he was named fourth on the Public Enemy list. His notoriety around Chicago caused him to be shunned by the mob.

It was along about this time that he spent a lot of time golfing or putting or teaching or just playing cards in the Club House and attempted a career as a pro golfer and he even owned an interest in the Evergreen Golf Club.

The cops arrested him once right on the golf course. He was playing under his birth name of Vincent Gebhardi. A policeman reading the players list recognized his real name. He asked if he could finish the round and they let him.

It was less than three years later, McGurn was broke and abandoned by his friends. He was in a bowling alley and two men with machine guns assassinated him, about cut him in two. They left a note beside the body that read: You've lost your job, you've lost your dough, your jewels and handsome houses, but things could be worse you know, you haven't lost your trousers!

McGurn was a drinker and a braggart and lots of gangsters didn't want to be associated with him. I guess even some hoodlums have some pride!

It is not known who killed

him. But criminologists speculate it could have been Bugs Moran, because it was just seven years to the day that McGurn cut down seven of Moran's hoods in the Valentine's Day Massacre.

The South Side was under Nitti now and Capone was in prison, and Nitti wanted the mob to run a more lower profile and not so much embarrassment.

Some people believe that Joe E. Lewis had McGurn "whacked" for the carving that he done on Lewis.

See ya!



A FISH STORY

By: Stan Jordan

Over the past months I have told you that blue gill fishermen are a little reckless with the truth.

I am a bass fisherman and we are fairly truthful, even to saying, True Blue.

Well now maybe I better change that to Antwerp Blue Gill fishermen. I'm not that familiar with the other blue gill catchers in Paulding County.

I guess this story takes place in Sylvan Lake, in Rome City, Indiana.

I have fished Sylvan Lake lots of times with my brother-in-law, Ray Gross and my nephew, Bobby Cross. That is a good bass lake, you have a lot of hits and action, but I never caught any big ones there, but always an enjoyable outing.

I'm going to change the names a little, to protect the innocent, if there are any.

I was sitting listening to some blue gill boys, when Mr. Long said...

One time there was about four couples and we had a good sized pontoon boat on Sylvan Lake. Boy, we hit 'em good! After a day of fishing, we had 564 big thick slab blue gills. Where we slipped away with the boat, there was an indentation or hole left in the water, from all of those big blue gills being taken out. You talk about a good day of fishing.

Mr. Short spoke up and said that he and the Hoosier was just off the point there on Sylvan just getting ready for a evening of crappie fishing. We had a good bunch of bait and going to spend sometime at it.

My good Coleman lantern, with the two mantles lit, was sitting on the front of the boat.

Along came a jet skier and he made a sharp turn and gave us a big wave. The boat bounded and rolled, and the lantern fell off into the water. By the time the water calmed down, the jet ski was gone and so was a good night's fishing.

Pretty soon Mr. Long spoke up and said, a few weeks later they returned to Sylvan for some more good blue gill fishing. We knew we were in the right place because that hollow place where we had caught

all those big slabs was still plain to see. So we anchored the pontoon right there. We had another good day of fishing as we caught 209 more big slab blue gills.

Stan's note, "To most of Antwerp blue gill fishermen, anything over five inches is a big thick slab."

About this time, Mr. Short, spoke up and said, they had returned to that area around the point in Sylvan Lake, it was three or four weeks later. They were after blue gills this time. We didn't do much good, but after a while I hooked a big one. I figured it was a big catfish, because he pulled hard, but it didn't splash or zip around.

My 16-foot jay hawk pole was about bent double. I had a big one on! After a fashion, I got him put to the top of the water beside the boat. Lo and behold, it was my Coleman lantern that I lost weeks ago, my hook had got fastened under the handle on the lantern, and, by golly, the lantern was still lit!

About this time I said, now wait a minute fellas, this stuff sounds a little fantastic! One boat catches 773 blue gills, and another fella catches a lantern that has been in the water for weeks and the mantles are still burning bright!

Mr. Short agreed and he told me that if Mr. Long will knock off 600 of those blue gill, I will blow out the light in that lantern!

See what I mean?!



By: Stan Jordan

A distinguished looking lady stopped her car at the family owned gas station and car repair shop. This lady was wearing those Prinz Nez glasses. She was overly dressed for a hot day and I'll bet she was some sort of Professor at the local college. And she had yet to make her first mistake.

The young fellow came out to her side of the car and said, "Can I help you Mrs. Bufforington?"

"Yes, I want some 710."

The young man stuttered a little and waited for more info from the lady.

She said, "Young fellow, I want some 710 for my car."

He said, "I really don't know what you want, I've never sold any 710 that I know of."

"Please call your father, he sold me this new car and he knows what I want."

The father did come out to the car and the father greeted Mrs. Bufforington, "How can I help you on this fine day?"

"I need some 710 for my car." The father being more of a diplomat was running this request through his mind. She is a good customer but you need to use kid gloves.

"On this 710, is that a new additive that I don't know about?"

"My goodness no, it goes right over there in that spout!"

"Mrs. Bufforington would you get out and show me where it goes, because I want to be sure."

"Why sure, just let me

show you! Look right over there it says 710!"

The father said, "Oh yea, well would you walk around the front of the car over here to my side? If you look at it from this side it doesn't say 710, it says OIL!"

NORTHWEST PEERS SEMINAR #3: DEVELOPING A BLACK SWAMP 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 one-day workshop "Developing a Black Swamp Economy" on June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wood County Museum, Bowling Green, or on June 11 at Sauder Heritage Inn, Archbold. This workshop is one day workshop that will be repeated at each location. Presenters are Laura Baird from the Ohio Historical Society and Matthew Bloom from Bowling Green State University.

The seminar will examine the settlement of the Great Black Swamp and the struggle to create a viable economy in the swamp. 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, Sauder Village, 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. Con-

tent for all of the professional development series will focus on making a connection between local and regional historical events and American historical events. 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 PD registration link by May 27, 2009.

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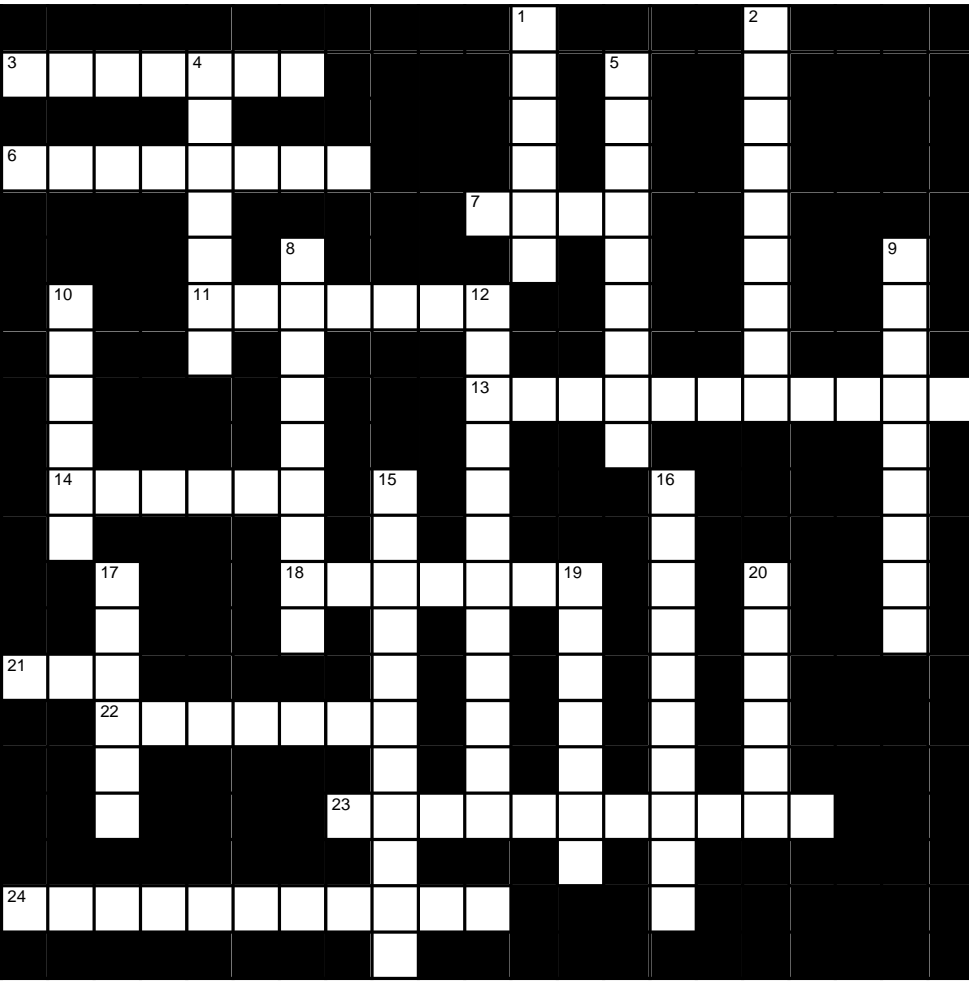
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Crossword Puzzle



Down

1. This man is famous for the phrase, "Deadman's Hand."
2. The town where the gun fight at OK Corral took place.
4. Johnny Ringo died this way.
5. Billy the Kid was how old when he was killed?
8. Hickok was a scout for this. (2 words)
9. This ex-sheriff of Dodge City ended his career as a sports writer.
10. This Earp was killed while playing pool with his brother, Wyatt.
12. Doc Holliday died from this disease.
15. William H. Bonney was also known as WHO? (three words)
16. The Marshall of Tombstone. (2 words)
17. Bill Longley died this way.
19. The name of the brothers who followed Jessie James.
20. Wyatt Earp died of this. (2 words)

Across

3. This gunfighter was killed by his wagon.
6. This gunfighter would make a preacher dance while drunk.
7. Doc Holliday's first name.
11. Doc Holliday's profession.
13. Long-time companion of Doc Holliday (3 words)
14. This is where Wyatt Earp prospected.
18. The name of the brothers who were killed at the OK Corral.
21. A peacemaker was known as THIS?
22. This sheriff killed Billy the Kid (last name)
23. This man formed a gang with his brother, Frank. (2 words)
24. Calamity Jane worked in THIS show. (2 words)

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Here is another list of names we have for the memorial tablets. Please note if there is an (*) behind the name we still need the documentation for the veteran:

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Send your documentation to Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial, PO BOX 742, ANTWERP OH 45813. Your help is appreciated.

The Hicksville Village Players and the Huber Opera House and Civic Center are presenting the hilarious play, "Greater Tuna" by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard. The play is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

The play will be presented as Dinner Theater on Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23 at 7:00 for the dinner and 7:30 for the show. The food is being provided by Chico's Mexican Restaurant. A special feature of the Friday night performance is that all of the proceeds will be donated to Hicksville's Relay for Life. There will also be a matinee performance at 2:00 on Sunday May 24 and refreshments will be served.

The play "Greater Tuna" is a side-splitting snapshot of a "day in the life" of Tuna, Texas, the "third smallest city in Texas." The entire cast of the show are the talented brothers, Alex and Travis Hef-felfinger. The audience will be amazed to see these two men become 10 different residents of Tuna apiece.

Alex will portray the following denizens of Tuna:

Thurston Wheelis - DJ at radio station OKKK in Tuna, TX.

Elmer Watkins - Leader of the local Klan

Bertha Bumiller - Mother of the Bumiller family and a member of every civic organization in Tuna including the shut-in visiting squad, the Tuna Helpers

Leonard Childers - Station Manager of OKKK and host of a call-in talk show, "Let it Out"

Perl Burrus - Aunt to the Bumiller children. Her favorite hobby is doing away with dogs who chase her chickens.

R.R. Snavelly - Husband of Didi, fiddle player, and eye witness to UFO sightings

Rev. Spikes - President of the Smut Snatchers of the New Order who also delivers one unusual eulogy

Sheriff Givens - "Good ol' boy" county sheriff

Hank Bumiller - Head of the Bumiller family. He only comes home long enough to say he'll be home late

Alex says he has especially had a lot of fun experimenting with the female roles; trying to make them funny and have unmistakable personalities. He feels that the most challenging part of the show is getting inside all of the roles and giving each character a different character. It has also been difficult to get all of the costume changes done in time. The last show that Alex appeared in was as Jack in the "Boys Next Door."

Travis will portray the following loony characters:

Arles Struvie - DJ at radio station OKKK in Tuna, TX.

Didi Snavelly - Owner of Didi's Used Weapons and an advertiser on OKKK

Harold Dean Lattimer - Weatherman for OKKK

Pety Fisk - Leader of the Greater Tuna Humane Society, who's always trying to find an owner for Yippy, part-rat terrier and part-Chihuahua

Jody Bumiller - Youngest son of the Bumiller family. He loves dogs.

Stanley Bumiller - Oldest son of the Bumiller family. High school dropout and Juvenile Detention drop-in.

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Charlene Bumiller - Daughter of the Bumiller family. A senior in high school who never seems to be able to attain her dream of being a cheerleader.

Chad Hartford - Reporter for the magazine, "Intellect"

Phinas Blye - Perpetual candidate for Tuna City Council

Vera Carp - Vice President of the Smut Snatchers of the New Order, which advocates banning books. Travis says that he'd like everyone to come to the show because it's extremely funny, and especially charming watching the chemistry between the two men. He said that playing so many different characters, giving them different personalities, voices, etc. has been the most fun for him. He feels that the most challenging part of the show has been to change characters within the space of just a couple of lines. Travis last appeared on the Huber stage playing Lon in "Meet Me in St. Louis."

The director for the fascinating production is Mary Schaufelberger. Mary would especially encourage people to come to the Friday night performance because all of the proceeds are going to Hicksville's Relay for Life. She chose this show because it is one of her favorite shows and she just wants the audience to have a great time and get a lot of laughter out of it. She states that the most challenging part of directing the show has been to get all of the lightning-quick costume changes down pat. She has enjoyed this show

especially because she's working with her best friends. Mary was last seen on stage playing Katie, the Irish maid, in "Meet Me in St. Louis."

The final members of this production are the back-stage dressers who help the guys make all of those amazing costume changes; which include costumes, wigs, accessories and even shoes. The dressers are Jennifer Hurni and Beth Henderson. The unique costumes for this performance were created by Dawn Patterson of Woodburn. The following people loaned some costume pieces: John, Dawn, and Lee Patterson and Dave, Joyce and Rick Drayer.

Other members of the production are as follows:

Producer - Travis Hef-felfinger

Sound - DJ Stevenson

Lighting - Jan Hef-felfinger and Melody Stevenson

Set Construction, Props and Make-Up - Cast members

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Reservations can be made by calling the Huber at 419-542-9553 or email: hicksvillevps@hotmail.com

Dinner Theater tickets must be reserved by Monday, May 18. This show is rated PG-13 for mild adult language and politically incorrect humor.

—Dawn Patterson

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Show begins at 2:00 p.m.
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Paulding County's Students of the Month

APRIL 2009

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month from OUR county. Congratulations to these young people!



Haden Sholl, son of Bruce and Tammy Sholl, is Paulding High School's Student of the Month. Haden is an outstanding student and athlete. He has taken all college prep courses throughout his four years in high school and currently has a 4.042 grade point average after seven semesters. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Engineering Team. He lettered in Varsity Football and Baseball for the past two years and is currently playing Varsity Baseball for the third season. Haden plans to attend The Ohio State University this fall to major in Engineering.

Kayla Zuber is the daughter of Brant Zuber and Katie Laukhuf. She is a 6th grader at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. Some activities she is involved in are: dance, softball, cheer, and volleyball.

In her free time she likes to play outside or read. Her favorite books are the Twilight series books. When Kayla graduates, she would like to go into Speech Therapy.



Divine Mercy Catholic School is proud to present Sarah Dyson as our West Bend News Student-of-the-Month! Sarah is a student in Mrs. Green's fourth grade class. She is the daughter of Carrie Dyson and Shane Dyson. Sarah has two younger sisters, Emily and Allison.

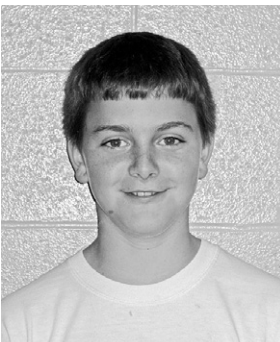
Sarah works very hard at Divine Mercy School. Recently she has achieved the honor of becoming the first student in the school this year to obtain 200 AR points. This is something that she has worked very hard to achieve.

Sarah is involved in Girl Scouts, softball and is a server at Divine Mercy Church. Her favorite hobbies include reading, riding her bike and spending time with her family.



David Sinn is a 6th grader at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary. He is the son of Bob Sinn and Sheila Sinn. David is a great kid that gives 100% to everything he does, 100% of the time. He is one of the kids that will definitely be missed as he leaves for Wayne Trace Junior High this fall. His favorite subject in school is Math.

David is active in football, basketball, baseball and helping out at the family farm. He enjoys driving the tractor. David can also be found every morning running the camera for the school's announcements. One thing David likes to do in his down time is playing his PS2. Anytime anyone needs help doing something, Mr. Sinn is one of the first to volunteer to assist.



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Brook. Brook is a very nice female black lab mix. Brook is a victim of what shelters call "Black Dog Syndrome."

Nationwide large black dogs have the lowest adoption rate and the highest euthanasia rates in shelters. Sadly they are passed over because of their black coats. People tend to adopt the flashier multi-colored dogs first. Black dogs get passed over because they are difficult to see in their crates and cages. It's hard to see their faces and eyes. They don't photograph easily for online listings. People think black dogs are to common or "ordinary." A lot of people judge a dog only on its looks and don't take the time to see what the dogs personality is like.

Come out and see Brook. If you look past her ordinary black coat you might just see your new best friend.

Also at the shelter we have a female chihuahua/rat terrier mix 4 months old, male yellow lab, and a small white sheltie type female dog both adults. New dogs come in everyday, so check the website at www.petfinder.com/shelters/OH709.html

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Paulding Elementary

- Lunch:
5/13 - Ham & cheese stromboli, green beans, assorted fruit, milk

5/14 - Corn dogs, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk

5/15 - Chicken fajita wrap w/lettuce, salsa & cheese, assorted fruit, milk

5/18 - Egg & cheese omelet, oven potatoes, raisin muffin, assorted fruit, milk

5/19 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk

5/20 - Nachos w/cheese, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, milk; Last Day of School!

Oakwood Elementary

- Breakfast:
5/13 - Coco roos, crackers, juice, milk

5/14 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

5/15 - Assorted cereals, fruit, milk

5/18 - Pancakes, mini sausage, juice, milk

5/19 - Cereal bars, teddy grahams, juice, milk

5/20 - Coco roos, crackers, juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Lunch:
5/13 - Pizza burger w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

5/14 - Oven fried chicken, corn on cob, bread, fruit, milk

5/15 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk

5/18 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

5/19 - Cold ham & cheese w/bun, cheetos, celery sticks w/peanut butter, fruit, milk

5/20 - Taco in a bag, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk; Last Day of School!

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5/14 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk

5/15 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

5/18 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

5/19 - Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice, milk

5/20 - Cook's choice, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:

5/13 - Taco salad or grilled chicken w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk

5/14 - Italian dunkers, green beans, assorted fruit, milk

5/15 - Bar-b-que port w/ bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

5/18 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes, country gravy or beefstew w/biscuit, assorted fruit, milk

5/19 - Cook's choice

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PAULDING PANTHER WRESTLING CLUB WRESTLER PLACES 5TH IN T.O.C.



Top - Kaleb Becker, Charles Thomas, Dylan Gamble. Bottom - Bradson Mink, Destin Lown, Logan Shaner, and Reilly Heater. Not pictured - DJ Shaner

The Paulding Panther Wrestling Club recently competed in the Tournament of Champions which was held in Columbus, OH. Charles Thomas earned 5th place in the tournament.

The Paulding Panther Wrestling Club would like to thank the following sponsors for helping eight kids go to T.O.C. in Columbus this year:

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ARCHER SOFTBALL LOSE TWO



The Lady Archers took on Wauseon at home May 4. Towards the middle of the game the ladies were only 1 point different, but Wauseon came back to score two more making the final score 6-3. Shown here is Sophomore Toni Winslow making a great catch in center field. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

The Archer softball team dropped to 7 and 3 on the season after losing to visiting Wauseon on May 4th by a score of 6-3.

Haylie Forrer smacked a triple and drove in three runs as the Archers were only able to muster 3 hits against the Wauseon pitcher.

Kole Schlatter suffered the loss on the mound as Wauseon picked up nine hits.

The Lady Archers took their second loss of the week as they fell to GMC rival Ayersville on May 5th by a score

of 4-3.

Costly errors in the bottom of the seventh inning led to the come from behind victory for the Pilots.

Suffering the tough luck loss on the mound, Kole Schlatter pitched a superb game allowing just 3 hits while fanning 6 in the contest.

At the plate the Archers were lead by Freshman Tricia Smalley with three singles while Haylie Forrer and Toni Winslow each chipped in with doubles.



Antwerp Varsity Baseball hosted Ayersville last Monday night (May 4). A tough game, Archers took a loss with a score of 14-7. Shown here is Junior Beau Kobee tagging Pilot Jeremy Seifert out at home. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WARRIORS DOWN LEO 6-4 AT WARRIOR FIELD

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan overcame a 3-0 deficit to the Leo Lions, getting single runs in the third and fourth inning to trim the Lions' lead to 3-2 before the Warriors went to the long ball in the fifth and scored four runs as the Warriors downed Leo 6-4 at Warrior Field. Jason Maier hit a two run round tripper to give Woodlan their first lead of the game in the fifth and Corbin Bell followed with a solo shot for some insurance for Woodlan, Ben Schlie and Jerrid Rydel were each three for three in the game for Woodlan as the Warriors collected 11 hits in the game. In the first inning the Warriors pulled off a triple play on Leo. The Lions had runners on first and second when a line drive off the bat Drew Adams was caught by Evan Powell who then threw to first to double off the runner and Joe Grueb fired the ball down to Jerrid Rydel at second base to get the Leo runner before they could get back to second.

Score by the inning:
Leo - 0 3 0 0 1 0=4
Woodlan - 0 0 1 1 4 0 x=6

HICKSVILLE AND WAYNE TRACE "BAT" IT OUT

Recently, the Raiders took the field with the Aces. Wayne Trace came up short at the end of the evening. Records - WT (7-11) GMC (2-4), Hicksville (10-8-1)

Score by the inning:
WT - 1 0 0 0 0 0=1 with 4 hits

Hicksville - 1 0 1 6 0 0=8 with 8 hits

Winning Pitcher: Josh Vandemark (7 innings, 1 run, 3 hits, 6 k's, 2 bb)

Losing Pitcher: Justin Davis (3 innings, 6 runs, 5 hits, 3 k's, 5 BB)

Other pitchers: Joe Morehead & Gage Critten

Hits: Wayne Trace (3) - Dylan Horner 1 hit, Justin Davis 1 hit, Gage Critten 1 hit

Hicksville (8) - Adam Battershell 1 hit (HR), Justin Miller 1 hit, Josh Vandemark 1 hit (double), Eric Cover 2 hits, John Kobee 1 hit, Blas Jasso 2 hits

PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION'S ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT DATES ANNOUNCED

The Payne Ball Association will be hosting the following all star tournaments in 2009:

Girls 8 & Under (Coach Pitch) - July 10, 11, 12

Boys 8 & Under (Coach Pitch) - July 10, 11, 12

Boys 10 & Under Baseball - July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Girls 12 & Under Fastpitch Softball - July 17, 18, 19

Girls 15 & Under Fastpitch Softball - July 17, 18, 19

Boys 12 & Under Baseball - July 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

For more information on any of these tournaments, please contact Mike Krouse at (419) 263-1393.

WAYNE TRACE BASEBALL STATS AS OF 5/4/09

These are the accumulative partial baseball stats as of 5/4/09 for the Wayne Trace Raiders Baseball team.

A Horner - 16 hits, 314 avg, 5 RBI's
Dasher - 18 hits, 353 avg,

5 RBI's
Morehead - 20 hits, 400 avg, 13 RBI's

Davis - 15 hits, 306 avg, 14 RBI's

D Horner - 8 hits, 229 avg, 3 RBI's

Critten - 5 hits, 238 avg, 2 RBI's

Duer - 2 hits, 71 avg, 4 RBI's

Jerome - 4 hits, 160 avg, 4 RBI's

Miller - 1 hit, 143 avg, 0 RBI's

Reichert - 6 hits, 462 avg, 8 RBI's

Willborn - 1 hit, 71 avg, 1 RBI

Haney - 5 hits, 172 avg, 2 RBI's

Baksa - 6 hits, 214 avg, 5 RBI's

Speice - 3 hits, 167 avg, 1 RBI

McClain - 1 hit, 250 avg, 3 RBI's

Wiseman - 0 hits, 0 avg, 1 RBI

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 5/7/09

Tuesday Night Men's League

1. On The Edge Construction, 4-0

2. Anger Management, 3-0

3. Guilford Reality, 3-0

4. Buffalo Wild Wings, 2-2

5. Red Owl, 1-2

6. Hoffman Builders, 1-3

7. Mad Anthony Brew, 1-3

8. Edward Jones/Gorrell's, 1-2

9. Cooper Farms, 1-2

10. M.P.R., 1-3

Thursday Night Men's League

1. TJ's Bar, 3-0

2. Wolfpack, 3-1

3. Larson's Body Shop, 2-1

4. Taylor Brothers Roofing, 3-1

5. Doghouse Diner, 2-1

6. Lafarge, 2-2

7. Chicos, 1-2

8. Poor Boys, 1-2

9. Antwerp Pharmacy, 1-3

10. Tri County Roofing, 0-4

Wednesday Night Women's League

1. Red Owl/Budweiser, 2-0

2. Carpet Wholesalers, 2-0

3. Boss Sign Shoppe, 1-1

4. Paulding VFW, 1-1

5. Jay Dangler Excavating, 0-1

6. On The Edge Construction, 0-2

7. The Gardens, 0-1

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

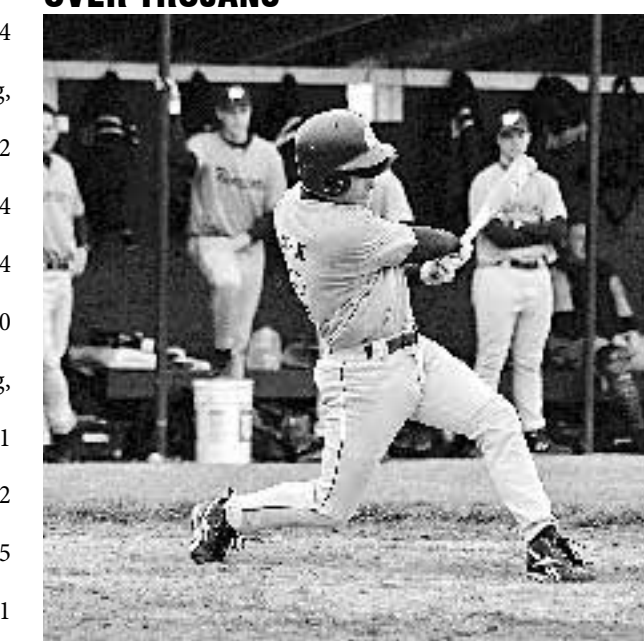
Admissions:
5/5 - Joseph Thompson, Antwerp
5/7 - Nahelma Schlegel, Defiance
5/10 - Mason Lee, Paulding

Dismissals:
5/8 - Joseph Thompson, Antwerp
5/9 - Nahelma Schlegel, Defiance

PAULDING ALL-STARS JULY TOURNAMENTS SIGN UPS

Paulding All-star Tournaments will be held July 17-19 for 12-under Girl's Fastpitch Softball and July 20-25 for 12-under and 10-under Boy's Baseball Teams. To enter, please call 419-399-2981.

WARRIORS TAKES EARLY LEAD TO WIN OVER TROJANS



Woodlan boys Baseball brought home a win against the Elmhurst Trojans Wednesday, May 6. The final score was 10-2 in a solid victory. Shown here is Senior Ben Schlie smacking a double to center field. He went on to steal 3rd and then home. The next night the boys won against the Leo Lions with a score of 6-4. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan Varsity Baseball took an early 2-0 lead on Elmhurst, the Trojans came back to tie in the third inning, and then the Warriors pulled away for a 10-2 win over the Trojans. Cody Gerig went the distance on the mound for Woodlan, giving up six hits

and striking out seven in the game and was three for four from the plate. Josh Kinsey hit a two run home run in a five run sixth inning for the Warriors.

Elmhurst - 0 0 2 0 0 0=2
Woodlan - 2 0 1 2 0 5 x=10



The Lady Warriors invited Huntington North May 8 for a softball game. A quick & tight game brought Woodlan a loss of 2-0. Shown here is senior Bethany Hogue looking up to the umpire receiving confirmation of the out. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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INSECTICIDE OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO PROTECT ASH TREES FROM EMERALD ASH BORER

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Emerald ash borer was first detected in the Hicksville area in August, 2003. Treatment at that time was total eradication of all ash trees within a one-half mile radius of the infested area. Paulding County was added to the list of infested counties in December, 2006. Today, emerald ash borer has been found in about half of Ohio's 88 counties.

In the past, residents were looking for a product that was effective and would protect their ash trees. To help homeowners and woodlot-owners make an informed decision, Ohio State University experts have come up with science-based recommendations about commercially available treatment options for emerald ash borer, including their effectiveness, application time and requirements, and the pros and cons of treating versus replacing ash trees.

The recommendations are available online at <http://ashalert.osu.edu>; look for "Insecticide Options for Protecting Ash Trees from Emerald ash borer and their Effectiveness" under the Factsheets/Bulletins section of the Web site. You can also get a hard copy from your local OSU Extension office.

"Research and experience have shown that insecticides can protect trees from emerald ash borer, but success is not always assured," said Dan Herms, an Ohio State entomologist and OSU Extension specialist based on the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center's Wooster campus. "In some cases, it may be more cost-effective to remove and replace the tree."

Before rushing to the garden center or contracting a professional applicator, Herms said, folks should first consider the stage of their emerald ash borer infestation, their budget and how much they value their ash trees.

According to an OSU Extension recommendation, ash trees within Ohio Department of Agriculture's emerald ash borer quarantine, as well as those outside the quarantine but within a 10-15 mile radius of a known infestation, are considered to be at risk, which includes all ash trees in Paulding County. The next question should be, are my trees already infested. Annual insecticide treatments should be considered by those in these areas who want to try to protect their ash trees and whose trees are not already showing symptoms of severe decline, Herms said.

"These treatments are not cheap, and it may be more cost-effective to replace the ash trees with other species," Herms pointed out. "But some people have a strong emotional attachment to their trees, and for them it may be worth investing in these insecticide treatments."

Insecticides tested to control emerald ash borer include products with the active ingredient imidacloprid, which can be applied by soil injection, drench or trunk injection from mid-April to late mid-June. The time of application varies depending on product chosen. Also available are Tree-age, applied as a trunk injection and preventive bark and foliage sprays such as Astro and Tempo. These insecticides can only be purchased and applied by professional applicators.

A treatment option is available for do-it-yourselfers, too. It's Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Insect Control, whose active ingredient is imidacloprid and is applied as a soil drench from mid-April to mid-May. Generics of this product are also available in the market now.

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GARAGE SALE - Fri the 15th, 9-5. 10624 SR 111. Womens clothing, ab lounger, wicker glass top table w/ 6 chairs, misc. p

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NORTHWEST OHIO HISTORIANS TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF BUEHRER BILL TO CREATE WAR OF 1812 COMMISSION

Three historians from Northwest Ohio testified before the Senate State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee yesterday in support of Senate Bill 93, legislation sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta), which would establish the Ohio War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission to help plan celebrations and educational events to commemorate the anniversary of the war and its significance in our state and nation's history, while also working to preserve important historic sites across the state.

The War of 1812 was critical to America's fight for independence from the British Empire, our country's expansion into the Northwest Territory—which, today, includes Ohio and other surrounding states—and our relationship with Canada. The war was fought in 31 Ohio counties, including sites in Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding and Putnam Counties in the 1st Senate District.

Richard Rozevink, who is the chairperson of the Historic Veterans Committee of the Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, told members of the State & Local Government Committee that a War of 1812 Commission would "help highlight Ohio's role and its contribution" to the war, bring tourists to the state and provide an opportunity to honor the soldiers who lost their lives in battle, many of whom lie in unmarked graves. He added that more than 300 Kentucky soldiers may have died at Winchester's Camp #3, which is located in Richland Township in Defiance County.

Mr. Rozevink was joined at the hearing by Pete Wilhelm, who is coordinator of historic preservation for the McDougle Center at Northwest State Community College, and Richard Finch, who is the site manager for historic Fort Meigs in Perrysburg.

"I would like to thank Mr. Rozevink, Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. Finch for traveling to the Statehouse to share their extensive knowledge of Ohio's role in the War of 1812 and voice support for Senate Bill 93," said Buehrer. "I will continue to seek their input, as well as the thoughts of other historians and local leaders from our region, as the bill moves forward."

The War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission would consist of two legislators and seven members of the public, including a representative from the Native American community, who all have substantial knowledge and appreciation of the War of 1812. In addition, the panel would include officials from the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Commerce, Adjutant General's Office, Ohio Division of Tourism, National Afro-American Museum, Ohio Humanities Council, Ohio Historical Society and Northwest State Community College.

Similar commissions have already been established in Michigan, Kentucky and Canada.

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT ACES



The rain didn't keep Woodburn Elementary away! We joined over 500 schools in Indiana on Wednesday, May 2, as part of Project ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously). May is also National Physical Fitness and Sports month.

"Project ACES" day is an exercise program with the goal of educating children and youth about the importance of lifetime fitness and physical activity to change the "shape" of Indiana. It began with one physical education teacher in 1989 from New Jersey when he wanted to get one school in every state at the same time on a specific day in May to encourage his PE classes to exercise. It be-

came worldwide in just one year. Last year, Indiana was one of the largest participants in the US.

This year, the entire student body of Woodburn Elementary along with staff and parents joined the largest 'exercise class' in the world. Our event this year was a 1½ mile walk through the Woodburn neighborhood. Our route was set up so that throughout most of the walk students were able to see the whole line walking, which gave them a realistic vision of just how long our train was. Upper grades and primary grades walked in pairs. Upper grade students were to walk with their primary student to ensure safety and to be a

role model to them. Allen Co. Sheriff's dept. provided traffic control at our Main Street crossing to ensure safety also. Students thought it was neat to see them there, assisting us. We had all students and faculty walking, and along with us were moms, dads, grandparents, guardians, younger siblings, strollers, wagons, etc. What a site to see, and what a feeling it gives you. It's a great event and I believe it was enjoyed by all, despite the drizzle. The staff, students and parents at Woodburn Elementary made a day of remembrance, and we DO plan on exercising next year, same time, same place. Won't you join us?

PAUL DUNBAR SPEAKS TO ANTWERP STUDENTS ABOUT "REAL KIDS REAL LIFE"

Antwerp Local School hosted motivational speaker Paul Dunbar on Friday, May 8, 2009. Mr. Dunbar, whose program is entitled "Real Kids Real Life", spoke to students in grades 6-12 about issues such as drugs, alcohol, and suicide.

Mr. Dunbar, a resident of Iowa, has spoken to over a half a million middle school and high school-aged students in nineteen different states for the past twenty-five years. On top of making numerous speaking engagements, he



Above, Mr. Dunbar makes a point to the very attentive Antwerp student body audience.

spends much of his time responding to the hundreds of e-mails that he receives from students after hearing his presentation.

His ninety-minute presentation, paid for through grant money, was very well received by the Antwerp students and staff.

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THREE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS EXTENDED

State Conservationist Terry Cosby of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Ohio announced today that the deadline for funding decisions for applications to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), and Wetlands Re-

serve Program (WRP) has been extended to May 29, 2009. The original deadline for application selection was May 8, 2009. While the application process for these Farm Bill conservation programs is continuous, funding selections are only made once or twice a year.

There are several options within EQIP to select from, including a special EQIP initiative for organic farmers, as mandated in the 2008 Farm Bill. An Air Quality EQIP initiative, a forestry focused EQIP initiative, and increased funding for beginning, socially disadvantaged, and limited resource farmers are also available. EQIP is the primary program available to farmers for farmland conservation practices, offering a flat-payment rate for over 50 conservation practices.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) provides technical assistance and cost sharing to restore wildlife habitat. In Ohio, over 20 different conservation practices are available, ranging from creating a fish passage to establishing a riparian

buffer. Special priority is given to habitat that benefits species of national or State significance, including declining and endangered species.

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) makes it easy to create, restore, or enhance the wetlands that provide important environmental benefits on your land. WRP is a voluntary program offering technical assistance from experts in creating wetlands. Financial assistance, up to 100 percent of the cost of restoration, is also offered for wetland restorations. Conservation easements can be placed on the wetland for 30 years or permanently for a lump sum easement payment or payments may be spread out over a period of up to 30 years.

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