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ASHLEY BURT TO SPEAK ON BICYCLE SAFETY



On July 15th at 2:00 p.m., BMX racer Ashley Burt will speak about bicycle safety at the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood and is a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. She will also show a selection of helmets designed for children and adults. Ashley will have her BMX racing bikes on display, including the one she raced in Taiyuan, China last year at the 2008 BMX World Championships. Bicycle and helmet safety are very important to Ashley and she meets with groups throughout the year. She knows first hand how important safety equipment is in racing and as a recreational bike rider.

Ashley started racing

BMX (Bicycle Motocross) six years ago. Like most riders, she started racing weekly at a local track (Fort Wayne BMX) and after developing her skills she soon started competing in State, Regional and National events. She competes in the NBL (National Bicycle League), ABA (American Bicycle Association) and the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale). Ashley is the current ABA State Champion, past NBL State Champion and the 2007 NBL Midwest Regional Champion for girls in her age group. In 2008 Ashley was the only 12 year old girl on Team USA in Taiyuan, China at the BMX World Championships. She competed against riders from 38 other countries

and placed tenth in over-all points. Ashley is sponsored by R Bike and Skateboard Shop in Defiance, Diamond-back Bikes and Scotty's Club 111. You can read more about Ashley's racing at <http://www.diamondbackbmx.com/2008/12/17/ohios-ashley-burt/>.

This program is for all ages - join us as we learn all about BMX racing!

SLASHING LIBRARY FUNDING WILL HURT COMMUNITIES

Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

During these difficult economic times, the services our local libraries provide for our community are essential to Ohio's wellbeing. Public libraries are more important now than ever, especially for Ohioans who use library computers to seek employment or take online classes. It is necessary to support libraries for the essential foundation they have provided the community through the years, from free job assistance to youth summer reading programs.

Unfortunately, Governor Strickland's latest proposed spending cuts would devastate the over 250 public library systems in Ohio. Recently, the governor announced an additional \$2.4 billion in state spending cuts, including a \$112 million cut to Ohio's libraries that would essentially cut funding by half. For the two-thirds of public libraries across the state and in Northwest Ohio that do not rely upon local property tax levies, this proposal may force them to dramatically cut services or close completely.

Our public libraries provide many opportunities for people of all ages to discover new information and live independently. If we remove access to information by raiding the library funds, we forfeit the freedom to draw our own conclusions from questions and research, and instead submit ourselves to reliance on the answers the government provides. Destroying our public libraries is a giant leap toward dependence on big government at a time when it is crucial to emphasize hard work and independence.

With unemployment on the rise and families are cutting back on unnecessary household expenses, we simply cannot afford to close down our libraries with impulsive funding cuts. This initiative has the potential to kill even more jobs for Ohioans, a risk that we certainly cannot afford to take in the current economy. If Governor Strickland was at all concerned about serving the people of Ohio, improving education, or reviving our economy as he so passionately claims, he would recognize the vital employment resources and learning opportunities our libraries provide and protect funding instead of ravaging it.

Similar to his other sense-

less ideas for balancing the state budget, the governor's proposal is completely irresponsible on every level. Since the budget must be approved by the end of the month, he has given our community libraries virtually no time to prepare for these devastating funding cuts. Once again, Governor Strickland is hacking away at our state's success by failing to understand and represent the best interests of Ohio's citizens. If we are serious about reviving Ohio's economy and putting people back to work, then our libraries must remain adequately funded, staffed and open to the public.

Instead of destroying funding for only a few select state agencies, I would approach the issue differently by proposing a 5 to 7 percent across-the-board funding cut for every state agency. If we initiate agency cuts by the same percentage, state expenditures would be reduced by billions of dollars without forcing local institutions to close.

I have not given up hope for change on this issue despite the impending July 1st budget deadline, and I will continue to voice opposition to every effort of the Strickland administration to pull the wool over Ohioans' eyes while they tip the budget balances in their own favor. As a representative of the people, I will fight to pass a fiscally responsible budget that includes proper funding for one of Ohio's most important educational resources.

I appreciate all the letters, emails and phone calls my office has received over the past couple of days in response to Governor Strickland's proposal, and I welcome any further concerns you have on this topic or any other. My office can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760 or email at district75@ohr.state.oh.us. If you wish to send me a letter, you may address it to: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, 10th floor, Columbus, OH 43215.



JOE OTT RECEIVE SPECIAL TREAT FOR 98TH BIRTHDAY

Joe Ott, who resides at the Manor House Assisted Living in Antwerp, recently turned 98 years old. He celebrated his birthday with dinner with his family. Pictured here with him is his great-great-granddaughter, Ella Niebel, daughter of Abbey and Nic. Joe would greatly enjoy visitors; he likes to reminisce the past.

CITY OF WOODBURN REMINDS RESIDENTS OF RULES FOR THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

With the July 4th holiday approaching The City of Woodburn Council would like to remind residents of the legal dates and times to discharge fireworks. The Ordinance states fireworks may be discharged on June 29-30, and July 1-3 & 5-9 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to two hours after sunset. July 4, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, and between the hours of 10:00 a.m.

on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1. No person may discharge fireworks in the park, playground, school properties, church properties, parking lots or personal property without the written consent of the owner or tenant. Violators, upon conviction, will be fined not less than \$150.00 and not more than \$500.00 for each offense. The City of Woodburn Council wishes everyone a safe and July 4th holiday.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION ANNOUNCED BY PAULDING CHAMBER

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its Leadership in Action program for 2009-2010. The program will include excellent speakers, group projects, and community tours. The leadership group meets once a month for a period of nine months. Sessions are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Candidates are sponsored by their employers. The goal of Leadership in Action is to develop leadership skills while expanding knowledge of community structure.

The 2009-2010 program will begin September 23. Applications are being accepted now at the chamber office. For additional information and guidelines, you may contact the chamber office at 399-5215.

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Former Paulding resident, **James Henry "Buck" Monroe**, 73, died June 25, 2009 at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

He was born in Adams County, Ohio, on August 18, 1935 the son of James D. and Mary Lou (Bradford) Monroe. He was a US Army veteran. He was employed by LaFarge, Paulding retiring in 1994. His hobbies included coon hunting, mule pulling, and country music.

He is survived by two sons: James D. Monroe, and Martin "Joe" Monroe both of Defiance; two daughters: Sandra Sue Monroe of Napoleon, and Katherine L. Monroe of Defiance; a step-daughter, Robin R. Begley of Oakwood; a brother, Albert (Mary) Monroe of Paulding; four sisters: Iva Mae "Ivy" Garver, Almalee (Danny) Riggenbach, and Kathryn "Pauline" (Russell) Parrish all of Paulding, and Wilma (James) Ashcraft of New Haven, IN; eight grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Walter Monroe, and infant Jerry Monroe; a daughter, Debra Ann Monroe; and three grandchildren: Justin, Daimon, and Alana.

Funeral services were conducted June 30, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Wiltzie Cemetery, Payne, with military graveside services conducted by VFW Post #587.

Donations may be made to Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, Paulding County. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Phyllis A. (Smith) Hoffman, 70, of Paulding died Thursday, June 25, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN, where she had been a patient six days.

She was born February 13, 1939 in Paulding County, Ohio. On March 18, 1956 she married Jack R. Hoffman, who survives. She was employed as a teacher's aid for Paulding Exempted Village Schools retiring in 2006. She

was a member of First Christian Church, Paulding and Christian Women's Fellowship. She was a volunteer for the Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary and the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry of Paulding.

She is survived by husband, Jack Hoffman of Paulding; three daughters: Denise (Dee) Renollet of Cecil, Linda (Bill) Miller of Spencerville, IN, and Jackie (Bryan) Hanlon of Fort Wayne, IN; a brother, Denis (Paulette) Shaner of Paulding; a sister, Pamela (Kevin) Bauer of Brice-ton, OH; five grandchildren: Brittany, Andrew, Jared, Lisa and Stephanie; and her loving dog, Oscar.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Ralph and Lenore (Smith) Shaner; an infant son; an infant daughter; a brother, Paul Nartker; and a sister, Judy Grueter Donnett.

Funeral services were conducted June 29, 2009 at First Christian Church, Paulding, with Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to First Christian Church, Paulding. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

John James Lantz, 88, of Paulding died Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance, OH.

He was born December 18, 1920 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the son of Albert and Mae (Hutker) Lantz. On January 22, 1944 he married Elizabeth Roberts, who preceded him in death. On August 14, 1982 he married Evelyn Patterson who preceded him in death on March 22, 2003. He was a WWII US Army Veteran. He was employed by Landmark Country Co-op of Paulding and Mercer County and was a member of American Legion #423 of Orland, Indiana.

He is survived by two daughters: Cheryl K. Peters of Angola, IN, and Teri A (Wally) Daniels of Cecil, OH; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren;

and one great-great-grandson.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two wives; a granddaughter, Heather Dix; four sisters: Margery Amstutz, Margaret Gall, Katherine Arick, and Dora Besore.

Funeral services were June 27, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Jammie Hughes officiating. Paulding VFW Post #587 conducted military rites. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding at a later date.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice or Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WATCH YOUR STEP... OTHERS ARE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

There was a TV repairman who didn't like to think about his job when he came home. As a result, he never bothered to fix his own TV antenna on the top of his house when one arm of it broke in a windstorm. One day a new family moved in next door, and the man went up on his roof to install his own antenna. Knowing that his neighbor was a TV repairman, he put his up exactly the same way and turned his antenna to face the exact direction as his neighbor's. After studying his neighbor's antenna for awhile, he reached up and broke off an arm of his new antenna!

The power of our example is somewhat sobering at times, isn't it? Whether you like it or not, people are watching you—your kids, your neighbors, your work associates. The question is not, "Am I an example?" You are. The questions is, "What kind of an example am I?"

To those of us who name the Name of Jesus Christ, our actions, words, and attitudes are being carefully scrutinized every day. A watching world is interested in seeing whether or not Christianity is valid. Does your walk match your talk? Is your behavior backing up your belief?

My encouragement to each of us is to reexamine our own attitudes, words, and lifestyles to make sure that we are positive role models, setting a proper example before others.

NORTH SCIPIO UNITED METHODIST GOES TO "ROME"

You have to experience it! This year's Vacation Bible School at North Scipio United Methodist is called "Rome." The VBS will be held on July 13-17 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a closing program for children and families on Sunday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m.

This summer, we're hoping to bring wonder and excitement to our church and our goal is to reach at least 60 children. There are still openings available. The children will be learning the following lessons:

- God's love is a gift
- God's love changes us
- God's love is always with us
- God's love saves us
- God's love is worth sharing!

When the children come to "Rome" they will take part in the following schedule of activities:

Extollo - A chance for the children to watch a puppet show, presented by Dawn Patterson, and learn the songs for this year's VBS, presented by Donna Fordham.

Family Time - The children will gather with their family leaders in their family area to meet with the other members of their family and receive their sash. They will be introduced to the daily lesson, and receive their denarii (Roman coins) to spend in the Marketplace. The family leaders this year are: Charlene Volkert and Pam Yoder with the 3-5 years olds (Family Aurelius), Angie Bowser and Mackenzie Bell (Family Maximus), Ken and Karen Herb (Family Cassius), Chuck and Cheryl Unger (Family Octavius), Todd and Dawn Widdifield (Family Pompeius), and Janeen Perrigley and Sandy Buuck (Family Tiberius).

Paul's House - They will meet with the Apostle Paul (played by Pastor Keith Schreffler), in his house, where he is under house arrest and guarded by a Roman soldier (played by Kurt Ives). Even though he's under arrest, he's still a Roman citizen and can speak with the children and teach them about Jesus.

Underground Church - Here the children will meet with other members of the city who are Christians (played by Shari Roy and Allen Volkert) and must hide from the authorities to have their church meetings.

Apprenticeship Games - The children will have a chance to participate in the shot put, chariot races, take part in a Roman fire brigade, and learn games that Roman children would have played. This area is under the leadership of Deb and Pete Horvath, Betty and Jeff Stieglitz, and Ellen Dunfee.

Marketplace - The children will have time to visit the Roman marketplace with their families. Here they will visit with Georgiann Drayer at the Grammaticus School to build an abacus and learn Roman numerals. They can visit with Dave Drayer and Bob Jackson at the Carpentry stall to build and paint wooden tops. At the Metal workers, they will visit with Shelly Bassett and build a bulla (a necklace like a locket which contains a hidden fish symbol to show others that they are Christians.). At the Wreathmakers, Brandy Patterson will help them make laurel wreaths for use in celebrations. At the Leatherworkers, Melanie Ives will help them make a leather bracelet to wear. At the Banner Shop, Sherry Fulbright will allow them to watch, and possibly take part in, making a banner for this year's VBS.

They will also visit Animal Sacrifice Sales, where Dawn Patterson and Chelsey Brock will show them animals offered for sale for sacrifice to the Roman gods (at a very high price—think petting zoo). So far, we already have plans for a goat, chickens, guineas, rabbits a guinea pig, zebra finches, and a poodle. Finally, the children will be aided by Joyce Drayer, Kay Schreffler, Deb Guilford, Lauria Minnich, and Betty Eager in purchasing food from the Food Sales. Each night will have a different menu, but will include foods that Roman children would actually have eaten, such as: rat-on-a-stick (chicken nuggets, etc.), homemade bread and butter, cheese, fresh fruit, dates, figs, and olives.

The children will then return to Family Time, to talk about what they saw and learned in Rome and to take part in an object lesson to reaffirm what they had learned. Finally, the children will return to Extollo for a closing puppet show and closing singing.

Throughout each night, Courtney Widdifield will be taking photographs to prepare a slide show for presentation at the Closing Program on July 19.

This mission collections this year will be sent to Operation Kid-to-Kid. Each gift of \$4 will be able to provide 12 Bible Readers in the language of the country to which they're being shipped.

We already have 37 adult and teen volunteers prepared to give every child an unforgettable experience, but would welcome any other volunteers who would like to help.

To register a child, age three to grade six, or volunteer, please contact Dawn Patterson at (260) 632-0071 or (260) 715-9303, or to register or volunteer on line, please log on to: <http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/VBSNSUMC>. North Scipio United Methodist is located five miles east of Harlan on Highway 37.

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We need your help! The Antwerp Church of Christ is once again planning the school supplies project for children who attend Antwerp Local School and whose parents cannot afford what is needed. This year a "garage sale" is planned to help raise funds for this needed community event and we would like to give our community the opportunity to help by donating items for the "garage sale". If you would like to help at the sale or with preparations for the aforementioned, that would be great too!

We will be accepting the donated items on these dates: Fridays July 10, 17, 24 from Noon to 9:00 p.m. at the church building located on SR 49 north of the river at the corner of 192. Financial donations for community youth projects can also be sent to PO Box 1150, Antwerp, OH 45813. We want to let everyone know you care about the young people in the community. Any excess funds received will be set aside to help the youth in our community. The date of the upcoming "garage sale" is Saturday, July 25, 9:00-5:00. Look for more upcoming information in the West Bend News about the school supplies project.

If you have questions please call the church building at 419-258-3895 and leave a message.

EMERALD ASH BORER TREATMENT

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Last week's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) article covered the symptoms associated with EAB dieback in ash trees. Scientists have learned that ash trees with low densities of EAB often have few or no external symptoms of infestation. Although, Paulding County has been quarantined since 2006 for EAB, symptoms are now just beginning to appear in several locations within the county. These early symptoms indicate EAB populations are at levels that are destroying ash trees.

EAB damage occurs when larvae feed in the area under the bark, which injures the phloem and xylem that make up the plant's circulatory system. This interferes with the ability of the tree to transport nutrients and water, as well as insecticides. As a tree becomes more and more infested, the injury becomes more severe and ash tree decline will begin to appear.

If you elect to treat your ash trees, there are several insecticide options available and research has shown that treatments can be effective. Keep in mind, however, that controlling insects that feed under the bark with insecticides has always been difficult. This is especially true with EAB because our native North American ash trees have little natural resistance to this pest. In university trials, some insecticide treatments were effective in some sites, but the same treatments failed in other sites. Furthermore, in some studies conducted over multiple years, EAB densities continued to increase in individual trees despite annual treatment.

If a tree has lost more than 50 percent of its canopy, it is probably too late to save the

tree. Studies have shown that it is best to begin using insecticides while ash trees are still relatively healthy. This is because most of the insecticides used for EAB control act systemically, that is, the insecticide must be transported within the tree. In other words, a tree must be healthy enough to carry a systemic insecticide up the trunk and into the tree branches and canopy.

Studies have also shown that if the canopy of a tree is already declining when insecticide treatments are initiated, the condition of the tree may continue to deteriorate during the first year of treatment. In many cases, the tree canopy will begin to improve in the second year of treatment. This lag in the reversal of canopy decline probably reflects the time needed for the tree to repair its vascular system after the EAB infestation has been reduced.

Homeowners need to realize that EAB treatment to protect your ash trees will continue for several years. The question becomes, "Is it worth it? The economics of treating ash trees with insecticides for EAB protection are complicated. The cost of the insecticide and expense of application, the size of the trees,

the likelihood of success, and potential costs of removing and replacing the trees are all factors. Other factors are the sentimental and aesthetic value of the tree. These intangible qualities are important and should be part of any decision to invest in an EAB management program.

For updated information on Emerald Ash Borer insecticide option information go to the web site <http://ashalert.osu.edu/default.asp> or contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419.399.8225.

LATTA TO PARTICIPATE IN CAP AND TRADE HEARING

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, will participate in today's full committee hearing on the Waxman-Markey climate change and energy bill (HR 2454).

"I want to thank Chairman Peterson and Ranking Member Lucas for holding this very important hearing on the proposed Cap and Trade bill. I look forward to hearing testimony from today's panelists and exchanging in thoughtful debate on the ramifications of this legislation on our nation's agriculture community," Latta

said prior to today's hearing. Below is an excerpt from Congressman Latta's opening statement which will be submitted for the record at the hearing. The full opening statement can be found here. "We meet today to examine H.R. 2454, The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, otherwise known as cap-and-trade. I represent Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, the largest agricultural and largest manufacturing district in Ohio. I strongly feel that cap-and-trade legislation is a transfer or wealth and an attack on the Midwest. I have been working with my Republican Colleagues on the Agriculture Committee, as well as the Rural American Solutions Group and American Energy Solutions Group to show how this legislation will really harm America. The individuals who are pushing this legislation through Congress are individuals whose districts do no rely on coal for their energy generation, and whose districts do not have manufacturing and agriculture like states such as Ohio. The ramifications of this bill will be severe job losses and a national energy tax on every American..."

HOSPICE GRIEF CAMP HELPS YOUTH DEAL WITH LOSS



Community Health Professionals' Hospice will conduct a day-camp for bereaved youths on July 14-16, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily at Camp Clay, 9196 Liberty-Union Rd., Van Wert.

"Rays of Hope" camp is for children ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives and will help youths gain support, friendships and a better understanding of the grief process, according to Jeanie Saum, RN, CHP Hospice Coordinator. Most importantly, Saum says, the grief camp provides an environment where kids can express openly their feelings of loss; sometimes for the first time.

A variety of activities including swimming, boating, ropes course, crafts games and more will be offered. The camp is open to youths from Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties. No one is denied due to financial need, Saum said.

For more information about "Rays of Hope" Grief Camp, call (419) 238-9223 or 800-417-9295 or go online at www.comhealthpro.org.

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Wednesday

Raj Gunda, M.D., Oncology/Hematology
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care
Thomas F. Walsh, M.D., Urology
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms (every other Wed.)
Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O. (every other Wed.)

Thursday

Kim Molitor, Audiologist
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2009 PAULDING COUNTY FAIR TRACTOR PULL RESULTS



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 4000# Class - 1st Jim Munger, IH model H 1948, 154.16; 2nd Dale Young, Ford model 960, 148.51
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 5000# Class - 1st Mark Draper, Oliver model 88 super diesel 1955, 171.25; 2nd Ralph McDougall, IH model M 1941, 166.64
 5500# Class - 1st Gene Ruble, IHC model M 1950, 202.58; 2nd Ed Hermiller, Oliver model 88 super diesel 1955, 178.47
 6000# Class - 1st Bryan Poulson, JD model G 1938, 207.06; 2nd Don Elston, IHC model M 1942, 199.39
 6500# Class - 1st David Bakle, model 180, 177.17; 2nd Tom Zuber, AC model D-19 1963, 169.56
 7000# Class - 1st Mark Draper, IH model 450 1957, 196.27; 2nd Lance Garman, IH model 400, 185.29
 7500# Class - 1st Ed Hermiller, IH model 450 1957, 204.66; 2nd Mark Draper, IH model 450 1957, 200.24
 8500# Class - 1st Joe Rose, JJD model R 1949, 197.31; 2nd Harry Poulson, M-M model G4 1959, 191.66

9500# Class - 1st Harry Poulson, M-M model G4 1959, 191.59; 2nd Mike Porter, Case model 500 1954, 188.99
 10,500# Class - 1st David Bakle, JD model 720 1958, 225.65
Division II:
 3000# Class - 1st Bob Switzer, Farmall model C 1950, 142.07; 2nd Bart Sidlz, AC model WC 1939, 129.53
 3500# Class - 1st Brody White, AC model WD 1948, 158.06; 2nd Bart Sidlz, AC model WC 1949, 157.93
 4000# Class - 1st Bob Switzer, Farmall model H 1952, 183.99; 2nd Evan Schlatter, MH model 44 1949, 179.57
 4500# Class - 1st Brian Switzer, Farmall model H 1952, 203.75; 2nd Evan Schlatter, MH model 44 1949, 191.4
 5000# Class - 1st Clint Reinhart, IH model M 1951, 194.97; 2nd Jason Elston, Oliver model 88 1953, 191.14
 5500# Class - 1st Dave Stouffer, JD model G 1941, 217.92; 2nd Jason Elston, Oliver model 88 1953, 203.55
 6000# Class - 1st Mike Smith, JD model G 1941, 225.91; 2nd John Helleman, IH model M 1944, 201.93
 6500# Class - 1st Dave Stouffer, JD model G 1941, 203.62; 2nd Charley Howard, Farmall model M 1949, 180.03
 7000# Class - 1st Mike Smith, JD model G 1941, 213.63; 2nd Charley Howard, Farmall model M 1949, 184.97

7500# Class - 1st Dave Stouffer, JD model G 1941, 223.38; 2nd Mike Smith, JD model G 1952, 210.51

8500# Class - 1st Mike Smith, JD model G 1952, 195.3; 2nd Dave Stouffer, JD model G 1952, 195.1

10,500# Class - 1st Jim Munger, JD model 720 1957, 222.14; 2nd Joe Rose, JD model 720 1957, 217.53

Division II Shoot Out:
 3500# Class - 1st Bart Sidlz, AC model WC, 173.01; 2nd Bob Switzer, FH model C, 150.62; 3rd Glen Elston, AC model WD, 148.05

4000# Class - 1st Brian Switzer, Farmall model H 1952, 199.65; 2nd Glen Elston, AC model WD45, 183.80; 3rd Jason Elston, Oliver model 88, 168.33

4500# Class - 1st Bob Switzer, Farmall model H 1952, 197.77; 2nd Glen Elston, AC model WD45, 194.91; 3rd Jason Elston, Oliver model 88 1953, 190.75

7500# Class - 1st Bryan Poulson, MM model G4 1959, 229.55; 2nd Jason Elston, JD model 4010, 208.43; 3rd Joseph Rose M/F model 97, 207.78

8500# Class - 1st Bryan Poulson, MM model G4 1959, 254.18; 2nd Ryan Jacob, JD model 4010 1961, 221.82; 3rd Joseph Rose, M/F model 97, 213.56

Country Girl Powder Puff:
 1st - Sarah Sajuan of Indianapolis, IN, 188.28
 2nd - Joanna Billock of Paulding, OH, 185.16
 3rd - Ramona Ruble of Grover Hill, OH, 179.51

2009 PAULDING COUNTY 4-H FAIR RESULTS

Horticulture:
 From Seed to Flower - Erin Mohr, Best
 Lawncare - Austin Conlin, 1st
 Vegetable Gardening:
 Vegetable Gardening I - Bill Smith, 2nd
 State Fair Qualifiers: Engineering - Small Engines & Lawncare, Austin Conlin
Electricity:
 Magic of Electricity - Scott Wenninger, 1st
 Science Fun with Electricity - Nathan Holtsberry, 2nd
Working with Equipment:
 Arcs and Sparks - Gary Klopfenstein, 1st
Tractor & Machinery Operation:
 Tractor 1: Starting Up - Joshua Poulson
 Tractor 3: Moving Out - Anthony Stoller
Woodworking:
 Measuring Up - Emil Stoller, 2nd
 Nailing It Together - Evan Klopfenstein, 1st
 John & Bernadyne Rogers - Evan Klopfenstein
Science & Technology:
 Rockets Away - Cade McGarvey, 1st
 Rockets Away - Estes type - Seth Saylor
 Radio Controlled Vehicles - Erik Buchan, 2nd
Conservation:
 Tree Planting - Jessie Arnold, 2nd
 Ohio Birds - Brandon Laney, 1st
 Trapping Muskrats - Jacob Roop
 Rope - Blair Baumle
 Exploring Our Insect World I - Jill Stephenson
Fishing:
 Fishing for Beginners - Sam Roughton, 1st
 Fishing for Intermediate - Jill Stephenson
 Safe Use of Guns - Alex Vail, 1st

Basic Archery - Lauren Holtsberry, 2nd
Photography:
 Focus on Photography - Alexis Howell

Controlling the Image - Madeline Baumle

Writing:
 Creative Writing - Allison Harpel

Health:
 You're the Athlete - Sarah Youg, 1st

Keeping Fit - Haley Saylor
 State Fair Qualifiers: Keeping Fit/Junior - Haley Saylor

Family Life:
 Growling with Others - Katie Carnahan, 1st

STATE FAIR QUALIFIERS:
 Growing With Others - Katie Carnahan

Home Decorating:
 Adventures in Home Living - Estee Millar, 2nd

Designing Interiors - Olivia Pierce, 1st

State Fair Qualifiers: Adventures in Home Living, Estee Millar; Designing Interiors, Olivia Pierce

Money Management:
 Teens-On the Road to Financial Success - Tanya Collins, 1st

State Fair Qualifiers: Teens - On the Road to Financial Success (Year One), Tanya Collins

Genealogy & Citizenship/International:
 Family History Treasurer Hunt - Amber Gebers

Leadership:
 One on One - Taylor Baumle, 2nd

Jr. Leaders - Spencer Wilhelm, 1st

Self-Determined:
 Self Determined - Creative Arts Junior - Collin Perry, 2nd

Self Determined - Creative Arts Senior - Michelle Stuart

Creative Arts:
 Art as Expression - Nathan

Holtsberry
 FFA Best Carpentry Project - Jared Deatrick, 1st
 FFA Best Electricity - Stephen Wagoner, 1st
 FFA BEST SAE POSTER - Kelli Schlatter, 1st

Food And Nutrition:
 Beginning Projects: I Spy in the Kitchen - Kiara Bruce, 1st (in beginning projects); Mini Meal Magic - Elizabeth Lassiter

Intermediate Projects: Meals in Minutes - Jenna Hankinson, 1st (in intermediate projects); Outdoor Chef - Victoria Bradford; Food and Fitness Choices - Austin Conlon

Advanced Projects: Yeast Breads on the Rise - Ann Reinhart; You're the Chef, Ty Lee, 1st (in advanced projects); The Global Gourmet - Allison Harpel; Pathways to Culinary Success - Beth Reinhart; Science Fun with Dairy Foods - Hannah Farr

Bernadyne Rogers Memorial Award: Ty Lee

Food And Nutrition State Fair Qualifiers: Advance Level - You're the Chef, Ty Lee; Intermediate Level - Meals in Minutes, Jenna Hankinson, Food and Fitness Choices, Austin Conlon; Beginner Level - I Spy in the Kitchen, Kiara Bruce

Horse:
 Mare & Foal - Kelly Zartman, 1st

Two Year Old Halter - Heather Hershberger, 1st; Emily Derck, 2nd

Lounge Line - Amanda Porter, 1st; Tiffany Spangler, 2nd; Amanda Porter, 3rd; Jessica Marlin, 4th; Ellise Wetli, 5th

Western Showmanship (14 - 19) - Jeremy Zartman, 1st; Kelly Zartman, 2nd; Heather Hershberger, 3rd; Amanda Porter, 4th; Jessica Marlin, 5th

Jr. Western Showmanship (8 - 13) - Autumn Banks, 1st; Tiffany Spangler, 2nd; Mackenzie Haney, 3rd; Molly Meeker, 4th; Megan Keyser, 5th

Pony Showmanship (8 - 19) - Taylor Deatrick, 1st; Brittany Farquhar, 2nd; Heather Hershberger, 3rd; Eric Priest, 4th; Adam Deatrick, 5th

Showmanship, Hunter Horses (9-18) - Amanda Porter, 1st; Tiffany Spangler, 2nd; Ellise Wetli, 3rd; Jessica Marlin, 4th; Heather Hershberger, 5th

Champion of Champion Showmanship - Brittany Farquhar
 Reserve Champion of Champion Showmanship - Autumn Banks
 Beginner Skillathon - Molly Meeker, First
 Intermediate Skillathon - Tiffany Spangler, First
 Advanced Skillathon - Kelly Zartman, First

Working Hunter under Saddle (14-19) - Ellise Wetli, 1st; Heather Hershberger, 2nd; Amanda Porter, 3rd; Jessica Marlin, 4th; Jared Deatrick, 5th

Equitation, Hunter Horses (8-13) - Ellise Wetli, 1st; Heather Hershberger, 2nd; Chelsea Farquhar, 3rd; Jessica Marlin, 4th; Eric Priest, 5th

Hunter Hack (14-18) - Ellise Wetli, 1st; Heather Hershberger, 2nd; Jessica Marlin, 3rd; Chelsea Farquhar, 4th; Amanda Porter, 5th

Beg. Hunter Seat Equitation over fences up to 2'3" - Chelsea Farquhar, 1st; Amanda Porter, 2nd

Int. Hunter Seat Equitation over fences up to 2'9" - Heather Hershberger, 1st; Ellise Wetli, 2nd; Jessica Marlin, 3rd

Adv. Hunter Seat Equitation over fences up to 3'3" - Heather Hershberger, 1st

Green Working Hunter (9-18) 2'3" - Chelsea Farquhar, (Continued on Page 8)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greetings, this letter is in response to the letter to the editor submitted by Barb Duffy on June 24 concerning the article submitted by James Potter on June 10.

While Barb Duffy may be well intended, her condemnation of Mr. Potter's column as being not true is off base. I do not have sufficient space to respond fully to what she has said, but please consider three of the prophecies that the New Testament show have been fulfilled that Barb Duffy says have not been fulfilled.

Prophecy: Jeremiah 23:5, "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Fulfillment: Acts 2:29-36, "Men and brethren let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Matthew 28:18, "And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Prophecy: Zechariah 12:10, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born."

Fulfillment: John 19:33-37, "But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record and his record is true:

and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, a bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, they shall look on him whom they pierced." Also see Revelations 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

Prophecy: Joel 2:28, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions..."

Fulfillment: Acts 2:14-21, "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Prophecy is a very detailed and taxing study. One must consider if the prophecy and its fulfillment are physical or spiritual in nature. Some are both. We must "rightly divide" the scriptures to fully understand them. Some of the prophecies are still being fulfilled (second coming of Christ and the turning over of the kingdom to the Father). But Mr. Potter's column about the prophecies concerning Christ's first coming and the establishment of His kingdom (the church of Christ) are true.

—Lonnie Lambert

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this letter because I feel the American people are not being told the complete truth. Our government is so hungry for money because of the huge increases in spending; they are looking for any kind of tax they can find to raise funds. Of utmost concern to all of us should be the Cap and Trade Tax. Using the excuse of global warming, the Carbon Cap and Trade Tax is being offered as a way to reduce greenhouse gasses.

As we know, unlike nitrous oxide and other emission gasses, there is no chemical or physical way to remove carbon dioxide from exhaust gasses. Carbon dioxide is a by-product of any kind of combustion and will be there unless combustion is stopped. The Carbon Cap and Trade Tax will not stop or lower carbon emissions. The program will simply be a tax levied by the federal govern-

ment, passed on to you and me through foundries, refineries, and our utility companies. The program will allow our government and elected officials to collect taxes and make someone else look like the bad guy. The legislators will not have to levy the taxes directly on you and me.

Cap and Trade would reduce the allowed amount of carbon to a lower level emitted at an earlier stage of industrial development. One suggestion is to lower levels to the amount emitted in 2000 minus 25 percent. Each factory, refinery or generating facility would be allowed to run with no extra charge until the restricted level is reached. Some carbon allowances will be provided free. However not the same amounts to every company. This will give government more control over non-favored companies. From the restricted level the companies would have to buy carbon allowances to continue running. These allowances will be sold on the open market to the highest bidder, including oil sheiks and billionaires. The factories and electric generating companies will be forced to buy allowances at these prices. There is no idea exactly what price these allowances will sell for. There are even suggestions that cattle be taxed above certain sized herds, and corn and soy beans above allowed acreage. Estimates are sure the increases in carbon allowance tax will cost us between \$50 and \$200 per month, per household. This should be unacceptable to all of us. There are many of us who cannot afford an increase this large.

No one disagrees with meaningful efforts to clean our atmosphere, but a tax levied on us by legislators who are afraid to call a tax a tax, and who want to put blame on someone else while doing nothing to reduce greenhouse gasses should be unacceptable to all of us. To add insult to injury the money collected would be used to further any social program of government's choice. There is no plan or stipulation the money be used to fund clean air or alternate energy research.

It is time we all know the truth about Cap and Trade. You can go to the website www.Ourenergy.coop for more information. This site will also provide a vehicle to reach your congressman and senators. You can also find your representatives online addresses at ussenate.gov. I urge all of you to learn more about Carbon Cap and Trade. It is quietly being pushed through the US House of Representatives right now. We must all become active and contact our representatives. We must demand that any alternatives and changes be wise and above all affordable in these difficult economic times.

—Dr. John Saxton,
President, Paulding-Putnam
Board of Directors

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What would \$3000 mean to the average family of four? How about an additional \$1200? The U.S. Congress is poised to let the tax reductions of 2001 and 2003 be removed by not renewing them next year. The "Cap and Trade" tax issue (a pollution tax to be passed on to consumers) will add the \$1200

taxes to families according to the Congressional Budget Office estimates. How will we Americans pay for the 3.2 trillion budget to be enacted soon and that is added on to the already 1.95 trillion in bail outs?

What is the solution to this out of sight spending and taxes by the last two congresses? The good news can be in the form of our response. A second national tea party rally is planned locally. It will be Saturday, July 4, 2009 in Defiance at Pontiac Park from 1:00-4:00 p.m. There will be locally and nationally known speakers and music by local bands. Pontiac Park is next to the Clinton St. Bridge on the north side along the Maumee River (old US 24).

The previous national tea parties were held in more than 2000 towns and cities across the U.S. on April 15 (tax day). These peaceful rallies were attended by Americans from all political parties and unity was achieved in our common goal—freedom. The U.S. Congress is watching these events because it can forecast if they will be re-elected. In conversations with several U.S. Senator's offices yesterday, it was obvious they knew about the tea parties. Consider that if two to five million voters or more attend these tea parties across America on Independence Day, many senators and congressmen will know that their re-elections are in serious jeopardy. Will some of this spending and taxations stop—yes it can! How important is our children's future?

—Robert M. Silliman,
Antwerp

MASONS HOLD ANNUAL COOK-OUT

Hicksville Lodge met in stated communications for the last time before summer break. We will be dark for the months of July and August. If you were in the midst of the heat at the Lodge last Wednesday, you would know the reason

for this summer hiatus.

Those in attendance at the meeting and cook-out included Joe Stotler, Scott Ruppert, W.L. Metz, Tim Betts, Jim Kline, Walter Schilb, Ron Farnsworth, Richard Savage, Jamie Chapman, Will Flietz, B.J. Kline, Elmer Woodcox, George Underwood, Fred Shaffer, Lee Kallsen, Robert L. Stotler Sr., Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Doyle Johnson, and Russell St. John. Walter Miller, a guest from Spencerville Lodge was also in attendance. A good time was had by all at the cook-out held at the Tim Betts house.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to John Gordon June 28, Stanley Jordan June 27, and Jim Kline June 30. The new members this year included Craig Andrews, Jamie Chapman, Alvin Copsey, William Flietz, B.J. Kline, and Mike Vilena. Those that affiliated with our Lodge were James Coleman, O'Neal Price, and Bernard Rorick. Members lost to death included Wayne Carr, Robert Cleland, Gerald Cook, Calvin Cotrell, Gerald Marsie, Russell Myers, and James Wonderly.

A generous donation was received from Bro. Larry Brown to be applied to the local scholarship fund in the memory of the late Calvin Cotrell. It was moved and seconded to once again sponsor our Youth Little League Soccer Team this summer.

With no further business, all retired to the cook-out for food and fellowship. The next stated meeting will be on September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

LATTA, MINNICK OFFER AMENDMENT TO PREVENT KNIFE PROVISION FROM RECEIVING FUNDING IN HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL

On June 23, 2009, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) and Congressman Walt Minnick (D-ID) offered an amendment in the House Committee on Rules to strip funding from a provision that would allow for the enforcement of a proposed regulation currently under review at the Office of Customs and Border Patrol within the Department of Homeland Security which could classify any "open assisted" knife as a switchblade. The Amendment was not made in order by the rules committee.

Recently, Congressman Latta sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano asking the department to reconsider the proposed regulation. The letter was signed by 80 House Republicans and Democrats.

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By: Stan Jordan
 Last Saturday on June 20th the Advance Chassis in Antwerp had an open house and cruise-in celebrating 21 years of business at that address on the Cement Plant Road or CR 176 or Victory Lane.
 The Bowers: Ken, Judy, Dan and Tracy, all these people have a Paulding County background.
 Ken and Judy started this business in Paulding on the Emerald Road. Then in 1996

all over the country. Their motto could be, 'Exact work and exact work only.' That is what has made their business flourish.
 It is exciting to visit their plant and see what they do and can do. You are always welcome to drop in at The Advance Chassis.
 Now at their cruise-in last Saturday they had units parked all over the drive and parking lot. They had over 50 cars from all categories and ages. They had some autos and a couple of dragsters.

over the hood. We saw cars with big gas tanks and fuel pumps in the trunk. But one thing that was easy to notice was the boys and their toys—they are very proud of their hours and hours of hard work and the sock full of shekels that they have poured into their car. They were willing to talk about it. These are hardworking, knowledgeable fellows with understanding wives.
 I want to take this opportunity to thank Frank and all the Bowers' for such a nice afternoon.
 Pauline and I had other engagements that evening and we didn't get to attend the big hog roast and bon fire that was in operation from dusk until dawn. Someone said Ol' John Wayne was there and about dawn he said, "Head 'em up and head 'em out, you're burning daylight."
 Lots of people had brought their campers and trailers and just turned in when they got tired. I guess the party never lost it's glow. Man, I

good ref, I think we called him 'Babe', I don't know why.
 They lived in Hicksville all their life in her father's house. They had no children.
 For many years, her sister, Kathleen, lived with her, but she is gone now.
 I guess her hobby was knitting when she had good eyes. She knitted over 100 napkins and gave them all away.
 She has been at The Manor House for about two months and likes the staff and the food and the atmosphere.
 Thursday and Friday is hair day at the Manor House. Pam Friend, Carla Gaisford and Paula Lichty make the ladies beautiful.
 It was a nice trip over to the Manor House for Sue and I. We find that Edith is 102 years old, but she is plenty sharp and remembers most everything that we asked.
 I must add that my old school chum, Eloise Langham Hopkins, let me use her electric chair to get around in. I surely appreciated that. Thanks again!
 See Ya!

can Desperado who had threatened to 'kill a gringo.'
 The authorities wanted to arrest Bean for murder so he and his brother went to Sonora. By the spring of 1849, they had moved to San Diego, California to be with his older brother, Joshua who was the first man to be elected to the position of Mayor of that city.
 Bean was considered young and handsome and competed for the friendship of the local girls. A Scotsman challenged Bean to a duel on horseback on February 24, 1852. The Scotsman, Collins, received a wound in his right arm.
 Both men were arrested and charged with attempt to commit murder. He was in the jail two months and received many gifts from lady friends in town, wine, food, cigars, flowers, he even received a knife buried in a tamale. Bean used this knife to tunnel through the cell wall. He escaped on April 17th to San Gabriel, CA to work his brother's saloon. In November his brother was murdered, so he inherited the saloon.
 In 1854, Bean courted a young lady, but she was kidnapped and forced to marry a Mexican Army Officer. Bean challenged him to a duel and killed him. Six of the dead man's friends put a rope around Bean's neck and was going to hang him, but the horse wouldn't bolt and the would-be murderers left. The new bride was standing in the trees and she cut the rope. But Bean had a stiff neck the rest of his life because of being that close to death.
 He left the area and went to New Mexico to live with his brother, Sam, who had become the first Sheriff of that county.
 I'm telling you this guy became a judge later, but he was a 100% louse.
 During the war he took all the money from the sale of his brother's saloon and went back to San Antonio. He ran the blockade and hauled cotton to British ships off the coast of Metamoros.
 For the next 20 years he lived in San Antonio. He worked mainly as a teamster. He attempted to run a firewood business and got caught stealing his neighbor's timber.
 He then tried to run a

dairy business, but was soon caught watering down the milk. He later worked as a butcher rustling unbranded cattle from the area ranches. He was a shyster in every sense of the word and later served out his style of justice.
 He married an eighteen year old girl (he was 40 at the time), Virginia Chavez. Within a year he had been arrested for assault and threatening her life. But despite this, they had four kids together. They lived in a poverty stricken area called Beanville.
 In the 1870's, several railroads were talking of extending the rails westward and several construction camps would be opened up.
 A lady wanted Bean out of town so bad she gave him \$900 for all his possessions and he sold out and left. With the \$900 he bought a tent and ten 55-gallon barrels of whiskey, 'rot gut'. He established a small saloon in a tent city he named Vinegaroon. There were 8,000 railroad workers in the 20 mile stretch of railroad right away. Any and all type of crime went on, with no way to stop the illegality of anything. No court at all.
 A Texas Ranger asked for a law jurisdiction to be set up for this area and it was in 1882 that Roy Bean was appointed the Justice of the Peace for this new precinct in Pecos County.
 His first act was to shoot up the saloon of a Jewish competitor then turned his tent saloon into a part time courtroom and he called himself 'The Law West of the Pecos.'
 Bean kept any and all valuables found on a corpse. A man found dead on the street had four dollars and fifty cents in his pocket. Bean fined the corpse four dollars for littering and fifty cents for a coffin.
 These type of shenanigans were common place. Some said that Bean was so crooked he had to screw his boots on.
 He had acquitted a man named O'Rourke, an Irishman, for shooting a Chinaman. Oh, he was guilty alright, but about 200 of the Irishman's friends showed up and told Bean that if he found O'Rourke guilty he would be killed by a hanging.
 Well, Bean could see the predicament he was in and then ruled, "I've looked



they had the new building erected at this present location and they moved everything to Antwerp. Sometimes they need additional employees.
 What they do is build a racer or auto or dragster or anything to your liking and specification.
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They treated me like royalty. Dan Bowers arranged for one of his buddies to drive me around the display area in a golf cart. Frank Knisley got stuck with the job, but I was the lucky one because Frank was well-versed on engines, horsepower and customizing.
 We saw automobiles with engine parts sticking out all

wish I could have been there, of course, I'm punched out by 10:00.
 Well, Ken, Judy, Tracy and Dan, you folks have always done things right and you're 21st anniversary bash was a humdinger and we all had a good time.
 See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan
 I knew this fellow pretty well as he lived in the area. His wife was not attractive at all. Fact is, she was pretty ugly.
 But when we had a get-together or a party, this fellow always brought his wife along. Wherever he went she went along.
 Someone talked to him one day about how nice he was to his wife, always taking her with him, wherever he went.
 He replied, "I would rather take her along than kiss her good bye."
 See Ya!

EDITH HART SMITH CELEBRATES 102 YEARS

By: Stan Jordan
 Ms. Edith Hart was born in 1907 just about at the Defiance-Paulding County Line near SR 49. Her parents were Sam Hart and Harriet Dills. She had a brother, Walter, who died as a baby and a sister Kathleen. Her grandpa owned 40 acres in that area, he was also a Spanish War Vet.
 She started to school in Hicksville in 1913 and graduated in 1925 (that's when this writer was one year old). Her sister Kathleen married a man, Daughtery, she was a teacher in Ayersville. She taught music.
 Edith graduated from Hicksville as Valedictorian in 1925. Then she went on to Art School in Fort Wayne. Then during WWII she worked at G.E. as a draftsman.
 She also told us that during the war she traveled with "Hart's Girls Band" overseas to entertain the troops. There was another time she was in a band that went to the State Fair. She was a snare drummer on that trip.
 Her husband was Wayne Smith and my ears perked up a little because I knew him. He was Hicksville Post Master for years and I stopped in there and talked to all those boys, as I knew most of them.
 Wayne was also a licensed referee and done a lot of our basketball games. He was a



HISTORY OF THE OLD WEST

By: Stan Jordan
 One of the characters of the Old West that everyone has heard of one way or another is Judge Roy Bean. He was a killer, a shyster, an opportunist, a self-appointed judge and eventually a real judge. The man he looked out for the most was himself.
 He was born in Mason County, Kentucky in 1825. He was the youngest of three sons of Phantley Roy Bean and the former Anna Henderson Gore.
 The family was extremely poor and when he was sixteen, he left home and rode a flat boat down to New Orleans. He soon got into trouble there and he took off for San Antonio, Texas to help his brother with a freight outfit hauling cargo to Mexico.
 In 1848 they opened a trading post in the Mexican State of Chihuahua. Shortly, Bean shot and killed a Mexi-

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through all my law books and it words that 'homicide is the killing of a human being.'" However, he could find no law about killing a Chinaman. So Bean dismissed the case.

Bean later was in trouble with everybody. No one would lease or sell him land to set his saloon on. But O'Rourke, the man acquitted by Bean, knew of some railroad property not covered by the rules and he got Bean's nose on it and he lived there for over 20 years on railroad property.

Bean ruled the area with an iron fist. He never sent any of the fine money into the state. He kept every red cent for himself.

Bean arranged a big boxing match between Fitzsimmons and Mahler. Boxing was illegal in both Texas and Mexico so he held it on an island in the Rio Grande.

Friends, I don't have ink enough to tell you all the antics that Judge Roy Bean pulled over the years, most of them shady, to say the least.

He died March 6, 1903 in bed after a night of heavy drinking over the building of a new power plant in San Antonio. He died in Langtry, Val Verde County, Texas.

He and one of his sons are buried in the Whitehead Memorial Museum in Del Rio, Texas.

That 'old buzzard' was certainly part of the History of the Old West.

See Ya!



RITA GROSS

By: Stan Jordan

Recently, we went over to The Manor House to interview their new Marketing Director, Rita Gross. She is a friendly and vibrant person and will do a good job of representing The Manor House.

She was born in Payne, OH in 1949. She attended school there and graduated in 1967. She married Winston Gross in 1969. They have two children.

She worked 10 years for Aetna Insurance Co. She says that is where she started thinking about a career in health care business. Then she started as Marketing Director for Convoy Care Center for about four years. Then she was an administrator at the Kingsbury House in Defiance for about three years. She became the Marketing Director at The Manor House in Antwerp last May.

Her passion in life is to help people. This is mostly the elderly as they are the ones who need it most. She says

she just wants to help make life easier and better and happier for the elderly.

Her other passion is her grand children—she has five.

Her daughter Emily has four children and lives in Payne. Her son, Eric, also lives in Payne and has one child.

Besides her main hobby, grandchildren, she likes to travel and read. She is also writing a children's book and her and Winston do a lot of boating.

Well, Rita, we here at WBN wish you the very best in your new venture.

See Ya!

SENATE TAKES STEPS TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE ANIMAL CARE, FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS

Capitol Letter Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

The General Assembly took an important step this past week to help ensure the vitality and success of Ohio's agriculture industry, protect the livelihood of our state's family farmers and preserve the availability of safe, affordable, locally-raised food for all Ohioans.

On June 25, my colleagues and I in the Senate unanimously approved Senate Joint Resolution 6, which would place a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November to create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. This 13-member panel would be responsible for establishing and implementing reasonable guidelines for the care of livestock and poultry in the state, in an effort to promote responsible farming, protect food safety and encourage agriculture production in Ohio.

The amendment has also been endorsed by Governor Strickland and several leaders in Ohio's agriculture community, including the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio Pork Producers Council and Ohio Poultry Association, as well as individual farmers and other stakeholders. A similar measure—House Joint Resolution 2—was approved by the House this past Wednesday with strong bipartisan support.

The Livestock Care Standards Board would be comprised of a broad base of experts in livestock and poultry care, including three family farmers, two veterinarians (one of whom is the state veterinarian), a food safety expert, a representative of a local humane society, two members from statewide farm organizations, the dean of an Ohio agriculture college and two

members representing Ohio consumers. The Ohio Director of Agriculture would serve ex officio as the 13th member and as chair of the Board. In developing standards for the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in the state, Board members would consider agricultural best management practices, biosecurity, disease prevention, food safety and the protection of local, affordable food supplies for Ohio consumers.

At the same time Ohio lawmakers and the state's agriculture community are working to establish sensible guidelines for animal care and food safety, national animal rights advocacy groups, led by the Humane Society of the United States, are pushing a radical agenda to ban modern food production and housing methods for livestock and poultry in Ohio and other states. This organization, which is different than local humane societies, has already successfully secured these regulations in California, Oregon, Arizona, Maine, Colorado and Florida. If successful in Ohio, this effort could dramatically increase costs for Ohio farmers, reduce the availability of affordable, locally-raised food for Ohio consumers, increase the risk of animal disease and jeopardize effective food safety measures.

Last year, California voters approved Proposition 2, a Humane Society-backed initiative that, beginning in 2015, would make it a criminal offense if farmers in the state do not follow certain rules for confining pigs, calves and hens. Scientists at the University of California-Davis concluded that under Prop 2—which is similar to a proposal the Humane Society is considering in Ohio for the 2010 ballot—the cost of production for eggs in California would skyrocket by at least 20 percent and perhaps substantially more.

I think it is fair to say, judging by the widespread support for SJR 6 and HJR 2, that the Legislature and Ohio's agriculture community are for common-sense regulations to govern the humane treatment of livestock, poultry and other farm animals. However, this effort must respect Ohio farmers, consumers and our state's agriculture industry. The Humane Society of the United States' agenda is not common sense and would have a detrimental effect on Ohio's family farms, the availability of safe, affordable, locally-produced food and the future vitality of our agriculture industry.

If approved by Ohio voters in November, SJR 6 and HJR 2 would put future decisions about regulating livestock and poultry care in the hands of farmers, veterinarians, food safety experts and other agriculture professionals all from Ohio and not an out-of-state organization with little understanding of our state's agriculture industry. In the coming days, I will work to move this important amendment through the legislative process and give Ohio voters the opportunity to decide.

I encourage you 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.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Jared and Linda Page, of Payne, OH will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on July 2, 2009. They were married in Toledo, OH by a court house minister. A reaffirmation service was performed in August at a Methodist church in Osseo, MI where family and friends attended the service and reception. Linda retired in 1999 after 10 years with Paulding Area Visiting Nurses. Jared works for Haviland Plastics in Haviland, OH.

Jared has a son, Jeff, who served two tours of duty with the Marines in Iraq. He is now discharged and

is enrolled in a commercial diving course in San Diego, CA. A grandson, Logan, lives with his mother in Gainesville, FL.

Linda has a daughter, Terry, who is the manager of a high rise for seniors and the disabled in New Baltimore, MI. Terry has two daughters: Lynn and Sara. Lynn is married to Audie and has a son, Ashton, living in Osseo, MI. Sara is currently working at Cedar Point and is planning to relocate in Tennessee when the job ends in September.

Celebrations will include a family dinner the end of June, and a trip to Florida.



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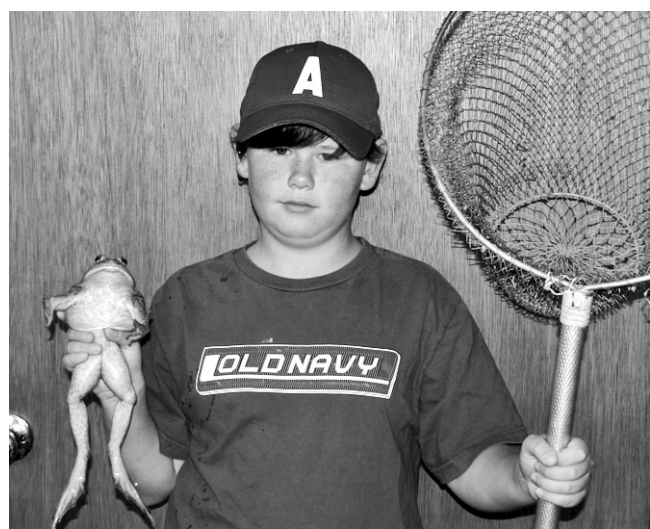
1st; Amanda Porter, 2nd
 Low Working Hunter (9-18) Fences up to 2'9" - Heather Hershberger, 1st; Jessica Marlin, 2nd; Ellise Wetli, 3rd
 Pleasure Driving Horse/Pony (9-18) - Adam Stalsberg, 1st
 Pony Horsemanship (8-19) - Brittany Farquhar, 1st; Eric Priest, 2nd; Amanda Porter, 3rd; Jessica Marlin, 4th; Adam Deatrick, 5th
 Western Horsemanship (14-18) - Heather Hershberger, 1st; Chelsea Farquhar, 2nd; Kelly Zartman, 3rd; Amanda Porter, 4th; Jessica Marlin, 5th
 Western Horsemanship (8-13) - Autumn Banks, 1st; Tiffany Spangler, 2nd; Molly Meeker, 3rd
 Novice Walk Trot (9-18) - Autumn Banks, 1st; Jaime Deatrick, 2nd; Molly Meeker, 3rd; Megan Keyser, 4th; Emily Derck, 5th
 Pony Pleasure (8-19) - Ellise Wetli, 1st; Amanda Porter, 2nd; Eric Priest, 3rd; Brittany Farquhar, 4th; Jared Deatrick, 5th
 Horse Pleasure (14-19) - Kelly Zartman, 1st; Heather Hershberger, 2nd; Jeremy Zartman, 3rd; Chelsea Farquhar, 4th; Amanda Porter, 5th
 Horse Pleasure (8-13) - Autumn Banks, 1st; Tiffany Spangler, 2nd; Megan Keyser, 3rd; Molly Meeker, 4th

Champion of Champion Pleasure (8-19) - Heather Hershberger
 Reserve Champion of Champion Pleasure (8-19) - Amanda Porter
 Trail (14-19) - Heather Hershberger, 1st; Jessica Marlin, 2nd; Ellise Wetli, 3rd; Cassandra Hammon, 4th; Ellise Wetli, 5th
 Trail (9-13) - Autumn Banks, 1st; Tiffany Spangler, 2nd; Adam Stalsberg, 3rd
 In Hand Trail - Brittany Farquhar, 1st; Chelsea Farquhar, 2nd; Tiffany Spangler, 3rd; Adam Stalsberg, 4th; Megan Keyser, 5th
 Pattern Class - Amanda Porter, 1st; Cassandra Hammon, 2nd; Amanda Porter, 3rd; Adam Stalsberg, 4th
 Ground Roping - Adam Deatrick, 1st; Eric Priest, 2nd
 Senior Reining - Amanda Porter, 1st; Amanda Porter, 2nd
 Champion Versatility Award - Eric Priest
 Reserve Champion Versatility Award - Heather Hershberger
 Champion of Champion Performance (8-19) - Heather Hershberger
 Reserve Champion of Champion Performance - Tiffany Spangler
 Speed and Control (14-19) - Heather Hershberger, 1st;

Morgan Hammon, 2nd; Jared Deatrick, 3rd; Chelsea Farquhar, 4th; Ellise Wetli, 5th
 Speed and Control (8-13) - Molly Meeker, 1st
 Pole Bending (14-19) - Morgan Hammon, 1st; Heather Hershberger, 2nd; Ellise Wetli, 3rd; Eric Priest, 4th; Amanda Porter, 5th
 Pole Bending (8-13) - Adam Stalsberg, 1st; Megan Keyser, 2nd; Molly Meeker, 3rd; Taylor Deatrick, 4th
 Cones & Barrels Sr. - Morgan Hammon, 1st; Jared Deatrick, 2nd; Heather Hershberger, 3rd; Heather Hershberger, 4th; Ellise Wetli, 5th
 Cones & Barrels Jr. - Adam Stalsberg, 1st; Taylor Deatrick, 2nd
 Barrels (14-18) - Heather Hershberger, 1st; Morgan Hammon, 2nd; Ellise Wetli, 3rd; Heather Hershberger, 4th; Ashley Myers, 5th
 Barrels (9-13) - Adam Stalsberg, 1st; Molly Meeker, 2nd; Megan Keyser, 3rd; Taylor Deatrick, 4th
 Champion of Champion Contesting - Heather Hershberger
 Reserve Champion of Champion Contesting - Morgan Hammon
 Champion High Point - Heather Hershberger
 Reserve Champion High Point - Ellise Wetli

State Fair Qualifiers: Autumn Banks, Brittany Farquhar, and Heather Hershberger
Poultry:
 Grand Champion Chicken Meat Pen of Three (Same Sex) - Nickie Lay
 Reserve Champion Chicken Meat Pen of Three (Same Sex) - Jacob Farr
 Grand Champion Turkey Meat Pen of Two - Jenna Stoller
 Reserve Champion Turkey Meat Pen of Two - Wade Carnahan
 Grand Champion Tom Turkey - Brent Kauser
 Reserve Champion Tom Turkey - Brent Kauser
 Grand Champion Duck Meat Pen of Two - Anthony House
 Reserve Champion Duck Meat Pen of Two - Kristy House
 Grand Champion Exhibition Bird - Johnathon Weible
 Grand Champion Waterfowl - Anthony House
 Junior Poultry Showmanship - Abrahm Klopfenstein, First
 Intermediate Poultry Showmanship - John Rosswurm, First
 Senior Poultry Showmanship - Nick Berry, First
 Champion of Champion Poultry Showmanship - Jenna Stoller, First
 Beginning Chicken Skillathon (8-11 year olds) - Cade McGarvey, First
 Intermediate Chicken Skillathon (12-14 year olds) - John Rosswurm, First
 Advanced Chicken Skillathon (15-18 year olds) - Nickie Lay, First
 Intermediate Turkey Skillathon (12-14 year olds) - Andrew Smiley, First
 Advanced Turkey Skillathon (15-18 year olds) - Jenna Stoller, First
 Beginning Duck/Geese Skillathon (8-11 year olds) - Anthony Stoller, First
 Intermediate Duck/Geese Skillathon (12-14 year olds) - Anthony House, First
Dogs:
 1st Place Dog Project - Elaine Wetli
 2nd Place Dog Project - Christin Clapsaddle
Cats:
 1st Place Cat Project - Kacey Reinhart
 2nd Place Cat Project - Kathryn Clapsaddle
Horseless Horses:
 1st Place Horseless Horse Project - Jacob Shrider
 2nd Place Horseless Horse Project - Meghan Todd
Veterinary Science:
 1st Place Veterinary Science Project - Danielle Smith
 2nd Place Veterinary Science Project - Zachary Proctor
 2009 Outstanding Livestock Award - Molly Long
 2009 Showman of Showmen Award - Nickie Lay
 2009 Teresa Fisher Memorial Award - Mallory Rosswurm
 2009 Nathan Plummer Memorial Award - Eric Priest

LOCAL BOY BAGS A CROAKER



Jimmy Green, Jr. of Antwerp likes to catch reptiles—toads, frogs and turtles. He keeps them for awhile, feeds them and turns them loose. He caught this mighty green bullfrog off County Road 180. He has had this big guy for

about a week and he has eaten six tadpoles and a another frog. Jimmy is the son of Cassandra and James Green, Sr. Jimmy will be in the 5th grade at Antwerp Local School.

2009 PAULDING COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL AUCTION TOTALS

These are the totals from the auction barn at the 2009 Paulding County 4-H Fair. This year the auction was up by nine animals!

- 39 Dairy Feeders/Steers, \$29,846.51
- 28 Sheep, \$19,551.20
- 14 Beef Feeders/Beef Steers, \$30,092.86
- 36 Goats, \$25,021.57
- 49 Swine, \$18,616.86
- 71 Poultry, \$22,992.04
- 48 Rabbits, \$12,675.03
- Grand Champion Bids:
- Grand Champion Market Steer - Victoria Zuber, \$5,500
- Reserve Champion Market Steer - Nickole Lay, \$1,100
- Grand Champion Dairy Steer - Jared Deatrick, \$400
- Reserve Champion Dairy Steer - Jared Deatrick, \$350
- Grand Champion Market Hog - Adam Stalsburg, \$600
- Reserve Champion Hog - Brett Beckman, \$325
- Grand Champion Market Lamb - Luke Spangler, \$1,300
- Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Evan Klopfenstein, \$400
- Grand Champion Dairy Feeder - Abram Klopfenstein, \$375

- Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder - Gary Klopfenstein, \$275
- Grand Champion Beef Feeder - Victoria Zuber, \$4,500
- Reserve Champion Beef Feeder - Gary Klopfenstein, \$450
- Grand Champion Market Goat - Amber Gebers, \$600
- Reserve Champion Market Goat - Austin Land, \$500
- Champion Chicken Meat Pen - Nickole Lay, \$600
- Reserve Champion Chicken Meat Pen - Jacob Farr, \$300
- Champion Duck Meat Pen - Anthony House, \$350
- Reserve Champion Duck Meat Pen - Kristy House, \$250
- Champion Turkey Meat Pen - Jenna Stoller, \$450
- Reserve Champion Turkey Meat Pen - Wade Carnahan, \$400
- Grand Champion Tom Turkey - Brent Kauser, \$400
- Reserve Champion Tom Turkey - Brent Kauser, \$300
- Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen - Chelsea Miller, \$400
- Reserve Champion Meat Pen - Katie Baumle, \$595
- Grand Champion Single Fryer - Alec Kuhn, \$675
- Reserve Champion Single Fryer - Michael Dangler, \$300

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 6/17/09

This 17th day of June, 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: Warrant docketed as 159133 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

Travel Request: John DeMuth, Juvenile Residential Center, NOW Board Meeting, Bowling Green, Ohio - July 17, 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 June 15, 2009:

Chief Supermarket, \$349.47; Windstream, \$154.70; Judy Fisher, \$104.60; Office Partners, \$194.50; Chief Supermarket, \$168.30; Windstream, \$605.45; Treasurer of State, \$3,085.59; Cintas, \$315.68; Busted Knuckles, \$497.11; Laub Auto Parts, \$604.77; Porter's BP, \$8,509.50; Advance Auto Parts, \$133.64

In The Matter Of Supplemental Appropriation (Fund 024): The Commissioners authorized the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

FROM: Various Auditor's Pay-Ins TO: 024-001-00001/Engineer-Permissive Tax, \$4,410.00

In The Matter Of Permissive Tax Application For Funds Available Under Section 4504.05 Of The Ohio Revised Code For The Village Of Antwerp: Antwerp Village made an application for funds available to plan, construct, improve, maintain, or repair the following streets within the municipality shown on a map presented to the Paulding County Engineer.

Total amount of estimated cost of construction: \$4,410.00 Amount available according to vehicle registration: \$5,854.04

Travis McGarvey, Engineer of Paulding County, granted the request of the Village of Antwerp in the amount of \$4,410.00.

Commissioners order to pay Antwerp Village. The Auditor is authorized to issue a warrant to Antwerp Village in the amount of \$4,410.00.

In The Matter Of Authorizing The Paulding County Engineer To Advertise For Bids For The 2009 Township Road Improvements Project: The Commissioners authorized the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey, to advertise for 3 consecutive weeks in a paper of general circulation within the County for bids for the 2009 Township Road Improvements Project.

In The Matter Of Signing Notes To Borrow Funds: The Commissioners signed the combined note for the Jt. Auglaize Sewer (Draw) note with the State Bank and Trust Company.

Meeting Notes of Appointment: R. A. Williams and Diane Jones, State Bank and Trust Company - Signed note for Auglaize Sewer (see resolution).

Tony Langham, PCED; and Craig Stoller - Mr. Langham and Mr. Stoller met with the Commissioners to present information on the installation of a digester at the Van Erk Dairy.

Don Foltz and John Brownlee, CORSA - Mr. Brownlee addressed the Commissioners with information about CORSA Loss Control Incentive Program (LCIP), which focuses on Loss Control Coordinator functions and fleet management. He reviewed the potential premium savings in lieu of participating in the LCIP. Mr. Brownlee pointed out that participation is voluntary. He also provided documents listing in detail the items and programs required to complete in order

to participate in the LCIP. Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson reported the Auditor's Office accounting software company modified the software, enabling the use of plain paper for non-direct deposit payroll stubs.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 6/22/09

This 22nd day of June, 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 159168 through 159340 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

In The Matter Of The Ditch Maintenance Report: Pursuant Section 6137.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Paulding County Engineer submitted to the Board of County Commissioners Paulding County's 2009-2010 Ditch Maintenance Report.

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 054): The Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 054:

Fund 054 - CCCP, 054-001-00003/ Payroll Expense, \$659.64

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-021): The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA TO: 001-021-00003/General Fund/Health and Welfare/Handicapped Children

AMOUNT: \$927.78 Appointment In The Office Of The County Commissioners: The Commissioners approved the following appointment, to-wit:

Jeff Schmidt, Assistant Dog Warden Receiving Bids For The Re-bidding Of The Paulding County Senior Center Roof Project (CDBG):

The Paulding Progress, a paper of general circulation within the County, for two consecutive weeks, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the re-bidding of the Paulding County Senior Center Roof Project:

Tri-County Roofing, Inc., 13883 Rd 162, Paulding, OH 45879, \$25,705.00, Yes

Birchwood Construction & Excavating, 15609 Power Dam Road, Defiance, OH 43512, \$24,830.00, Yes

Meeting Notes of Appointment: Matt Davis, Susan Spencer, MVPO; Tony Langham, Nancy Spiece, Marsha Yuetter - The 2nd public hearing for the FY09 CDBG formula projects was held in the Commissioners' office. Four projects have been awarded the following FY09 CDBG funding: Village of Payne, \$9,985.00 awarded for sidewalk improvements; Paulding County Board of Elections, \$23,000.00 awarded for rehabilitation to comply with ADA requirements; Paulding County Senior Center, \$14,500.00 awarded for purchase of public service vehicle; Village of Paulding, \$11,715.00 awarded for replacement of 12 fire hydrants in various locations throughout the village. Mr. Davis stated the funding should be available by September, 2009.

Matt Davis, Susan Spencer, MVPO - Opened bids for the Senior Center roofing project for FY08 CDBG funding.

Mandy Lichty, Dog Warden - Ms. Lichty met with the Commissioners to recommend Mr. Jeff Schmidt for assistant dog warden.

Jim Machock, Wells Fargo Insurance Services; and Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Mr. Machock met with the Commissioners to present the 2009-2010 renewal and amendments/

enhancements to the county health insurance benefit plan. He also presented information about health fairs and wellness programs offered by Wells Fargo Insurance Services. The Commissioners signed the necessary paperwork and Mr. Machock will provide new contracts as soon as they can be assembled.

VANTAGE JULY BOARD MEETING HELD

The regular July monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. The treasurer's report included the approval of the June 4, 2009 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for May, 2009. The board approved FY09 final revenues and appropriations, FY10 temporary revenues and appropriations, transferred monies from the general fund to the capital projects fund, the general fund to the cafeteria fund and the general fund to Adult Education for FY10, which satisfies the mandated contribution to maintain Adult Full Service Center status. The board also passed resolutions to enroll in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers Compensation Group Rating Program for 2010 and to add Chase Bank as a depository for active, inactive, and interim funds.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with an update on the non-certified staff reorganization, rotation of Vantage Board of Education meetings at associate schools in Putnam county during September, October and November, and a farm acreage report. In new business, the board:

**Approved a supplemental contract for Penny Baucom, Special Event Worker; **Approved insurance benefits for the position of Career Technical Director; **Authorized the Superintendent to enter into consultant contract with Ron Schumm-Farm Business Planning & Analysis

**Amended current contracts for the following: Lori Balliet-8 hr. day/260 days, Gail Gillett-8 hr. day/260 days, Diane Mercer-7.5 hr. day/ 260 days, and Lisa Hatcher-7 hr. day/260 days;

**Employed the following list as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Doris Jones, Assessments/Transition, Brent Wright and Aaron Brown, Welding, Katie Ashbaugh and Shirley Jarvis, Health Careers, Irvin Tumbler, Tow Motor Operations, Dick Potter, Work Keys Testing, Roberta Mosier, Paulding Youth Assistant, Bruce Showalter, Police Academy/Coordinator, Brian Ankney, Fire Protection, Jackie Brandt, Kevin Gehres and Ted Tumbleson, EMT, Robert Miller, Police Academy;

**Approved the student handbook for the 2009-2010 school year; **Accepted the resignation of Roger Ruen, Carpentry instructor for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2009;

**Approve the revised Administrative Flow Chart as presented; **Accepted the resignation of Sony Herber, WIA/Paulding Accent Job Center Coordinator effective June 30, 2009;

**Accept cafeteria bids from Aunt Millie's Bakeries for break and Arps Dairy for milk for school year 2009-2010;

**Approve the curriculum presented for the following classes: Sr. Auto Tech (Revised), Jr. Auto Tech (Revised), American Studies (Revised), Psychology and Law (Revised);

**Reviewed the participation of the Superintendent in the Ohio School Leadership Institute (OSLI) for 2009-2010 at no cost to the district;

**Approve submission of equipment list to the Rothacker/Lampe Bequest handled by the Van Wert County Foundation;

**Accept a grant of \$13,500 from the Van Wert County Foundation to be used to purchase electronic items (Rothacker/ Lampe Bequest)

**Accept a grant of \$200 from "Patricia M. Lichtensteiger Memorial Fund" of the Van Wert County Foundation for the Literacy Program at Vantage Career Center;

**Amend agreement and bylaws with the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group (VWASIG) effective June 17, 2009;

**Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group (VWASIG);

**Resolution to grant approval for the Superintendent and Board President to enter into a sellers agreement to sell the house of 1271 Madison Ave. and to sign the transfer of deed;

**Resolution to approve the Memo of Understanding for evaluations of teaching staff with the Vantage Teachers Organization.

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant.

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD CLOSING OUT FISCAL YEAR

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009 in the Van Wert ESC Board Office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included adjusting appropriations for FY09 and approving appropriations for FY10 in the amount of \$11,947,514 which includes \$3,995,602 in appropriations for the

Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC). The WBESC is the fiscal agent for the NOACSC.

Superintendent John Basinger updated the Board on the status of the state biannual budget bill which is still in Conference Committee in the state Legislature. He also informed the Board about a new health insurance option for employees with a high deductible plan with an attached Health Saving Account (HAS). The Board will begin to assess how best to implement this health insurance option in the next several months. Basinger also reviewed with the Board the latest Governing Board policy revision recommendations, which the Board approved by resolution. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial statements and monthly expenditure reports as well as the FY10 Appropriations with Board Members, which the Board also approved by resolution.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the regular May 14, 2009 Regular meeting.

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

**Accepted the resignation of Jeff Tomlinson as a classroom teacher, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

**Advanced Sue Castle to the Masters plus 15 step on the salary schedule, effective May 9, 2009.

**Advanced Nicole Adams to the Bachelor's plus 150 step on the salary schedule, effective May 8, 2009.

**Extended a supplemental contract to George Dougal for a Summer Building Maintenance Project at the Student Learning Center.

**Approved Extended School Year Services to the following personnel and contracted service providers:

Alicia Allen - ESY Summer Tutor Services
Caren Miglin - ESY Summer Speech Services
Midwest Rehab - ESY Summer Speech Services
Lisa Knoch - ESY Summer PTA Services
Janine Warnecke - ESY Summer OT Services
Angie Bonifas - ESY Summer OT Services
Kristina Figgins - ESY Summer COTA Services
Stephanie Arend/DRS - ESY Summer PT Services

**Accepted with appreciation, the following Van Wert County Foundation Grant Awards:

DARE Red Ribbon Assembly-Justin R. Lybold Memorial Fund Bequest - \$50.00
DARE Red Ribbon Assembly-Lacy L. Trammel Memorial Fund - \$25.00

**Approved participation in the Northwest Ohio Computer Service Cooperative and Ohio School Board Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program for the period of September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010, with an enrollment fee of \$1,158.00.

**Approved a contract with Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative to provide internet, fiscal, and EMIS services for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$3,816.50.

**Approved FY10 Service Contracts with Antwerp Local, Crestview Local, Lincolnview Local, ParLane Training Center, Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Thomas Edison Center, Van Wert City Schools, Wayne Trace Local Schools, Delphos City Schools and Head Start.

**Approved Western Buckeye ESC membership with OESCA for 2009-2010 with annual dues in the amount of \$1,800.00.

**Approved a Bank agreement with Van Wert Federal Savings Bank from March 1, 2009 through March 1, 2012.

**Approved a Bank agreement with Huntington National Bank from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2014.

**Approved appropriations for FY09 and FY10 for Western Buckeye ESC as presented.

**Approved the FY10 Parent Mentor Grant application.

**Approved the FY10 Consolidated Application of the CCIP (FY10 Title VI-B, FY10 Title VI-B ARRA, FY10 Early Childhood Special Education, and FY10 Early Childhood Special Education ARRA).

**Approved a contract with LGS (Local Government Services Division of the Auditor of State office) for GAAP Accounting Services for FY09 and FY10 reporting (estimated cost of \$4,900 - \$50 per hour).

**Entered into agreement with the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc. (NWOERC) for the 2009-2010 school year for Western Buckeye ESC staff member services, at an annual rate of \$175.00.

**Contracted with NEOLA to provide internet policy services at a cost of \$4,000.

**Approved the new, revised, and replacement Governing Board policies as presented.

**Approved a motion for NOACSC to continue membership in the Management Council of the Ohio Educational Computer Network (MCOECN). The FY10 fee has been established to be \$12,000, which is no increase from FY09.

**Approved the MCOECN Membership Agreement for the FY10 Annual License fee for DASL in the amount of \$4 per ADM for all school districts served by NOACSC, which is no increase from FY09.

**Approved any necessary appropriation, budget, or revenue modifications needed to close out the 2009 fiscal year for NOACSC.

**Accepted the FY10 Fee Schedule for member and non-member districts as presented, which is no increase from FY09.

**Approved a NOACSC contract with the MCOECN to provide DASL State Support for the benefit of the Ohio Education Computer Network for the amount of \$661,000, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

**Approved a NOACSC contract with the MCOECN to provide INFOhio Tech Support for the benefit of the Ohio Education Computer Network for the amount of \$360,000, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on July 14, 2009 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR MAY 18, 2009

Mr. Charles Odier was present representing the United Steel Worker Union. They feel Stimulus money received should be spent on American made products and ask Council to pass a resolution agreeing any money received would be spent to buy American made products first. Mayor read the Resolution presented. Councilmen made motions to pass Resolution 09-175, all agreed, motion passed.

Lori Lowie was present on behalf of Cindy Keller to ask for Council's approval for \$400.00 to put flowers in the planters around town. Councilmen made motions to approve, Councilman Mason, Zimmerman, Norden, and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Reichhart voted no, motion passed. PERF sent notice we do not have to be pay retroactive to hire date. Councilmen Reichhart stated Chief Carpenter was hired with the knowledge of no PERF, the City offered a matching 401K and he has not opted to participate. Mayor recommends Councilmen get a list of questions together and we will bring the PERF representative. Mayor reported that Rachel Hathaway was the winner of the Citizenship Award. Mayor received notice, Schnelker Engineering preliminary design to finish Hickory Street will cost \$20,000.00; Mayor will contact and tell them not to move forward. Mayor reported Maumee and Milan Township Trustee's will meet again on June 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss consolidating. Councilman Norden ask who is paying the City attorney, stating trustees should be paying 1/3 of this bill. Mayor agreed and will speak with trustees. Mayor reported the Mayor of Butler was killed and he would like to send flowers from the City. Councilmen made motions to approve sending flowers, a maximum of \$100.00, all agreed, motion passed.

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EXPRESS YOURSELF AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY!

Express yourself at the Johnson Memorial Library during this year's Summer Reading Program. There's something for everyone. There are programs for preschool to high school youth and even a kids vs. adults summer reading contest to see who reads more over the summer.

For preschool to elementary school children, there's a Picnic Day on July 6 at 2:00 p.m. and a Raffi Music Day on July 8 at 10:00 a.m. The programs are free, and all preschool to elementary school children are welcome to attend.

"Come on out on Monday and enjoy a small picnic with our story time," invited Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "We'll be reading about picnics, watching a movie about picnics, getting ready for a picnic, and finally enjoying our own small picnic."

For middle school to high school youth, the Johnson Memorial Library is hosting an Avatar Creation & Design Program on July 7 at 3:00 p.m., a Create Your Own Bookends Teen Night on July 9 at 6:30 p.m., and Video Game Day on July 10 at noon and July 11 at 9:00 a.m. All of the programs are free, and all needed materials will be supplied by the library.

All program availability will be dependent upon the reduction in library funding cuts through the state budget process. For more information on the Express Yourself Summer Reading Program or any of its workshops, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

LATTA APPLAUDS GOP HEALTH CARE PLAN

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after House Republicans introduced their health care plan earlier last week.

"The House Republican Health Care Solutions Group, under the leadership of Congressman Roy Blunt, has produced a common-sense plan to reduce costs, expand access, and increase the quality of care in a way that America can afford. As the Obama Administration and Democrat Congressional leadership continue to hint at nothing short of big government medicine for the United States, this plan ensures private citizens' health care is not dictated by federal bureaucrats. I look forward to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan manner to pass meaningful reform that guarantees health care in the United States remains the best in the world."

LATTA INTRODUCES RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 21ST AS "NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY"

Earlier last week, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced H. Con. Res. 157, recognizing Friday, August 21, 2009 as National Senior Citizens Day.

"Throughout our history, senior citizens have made countless contributions to the strength of the United States through communities and families. National Senior Citizens Day is an opportunity for us to recognize the accomplishments and feats of older Americans. We should urge the people of the United States to honor, respect, and appreciate senior citizens for their contributions and encourage our children and students to listen and learn from senior citizens," Latta stated after introducing the resolution.

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TOM'S HOME IMPROVEMENT - Painting, Plaster & Drywall repairs. 419-583-6387. 25-28p

WORKING ON EAGLE SCOUT project. Need 15 names of men & women to send boxes to. Also need donated items for the boxes. 11:00-4:00, July 12. Payne American Legion for drop off. Russel W. Fulk. p

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES - Ann's Bright Beginnings camp July 13,14,15,16,17 for your 3, 4 or 5 year old. For more information, call 419-399-KIDS (5437). 26-27

GIRLS 16 & 17. Are you looking for work? If so, give me a call. Carly 419-399-0520 or email carlysue59@yahoo.com for more information. 26-29p

WEST BEND PRINTING & Publishing can take care of all your printing needs! We do invitations, bulletins, business cards—you name it, we probably do it! Call us today at 419-258-2000. tf

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH decorating your home? Call Judy McCalla, Hicksville. 419-542-6182. Window coverings, blinds, shades, etc. also available. tf

FOR SALE BY OWNER— Antwerp or Paulding school district. Country home w/3 bedrooms, pond. 2 1/2 car garage & many updates. Call 419-399-3443. To request pictures email honeypotant@yahoo.com. 18-26p

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent. All utilities included. Antwerp, 419-258-6262. tf

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JPHS DINNER THEATRE A TREAT FOR ALL

The county fair, weddings, and school alumni did not detour the John Paulding Historical Society from having a great time at the recent dinner theatre on June 20. We had approximately 117 reservations for the meal and eight ladies came just for the program. It seems these ladies had done "How The Story Grew" for many years around the Farmer area and were called the Farmer Sewing Circle.

The evening's entertainment was the Color 4 Tunes, Harmonica John and Nancy Whitaker and Pastor Jeff Mullinix of the Oakwood Twin Oaks UM church. Dick Paulus and Nancy Whitaker did an excellent portrayal of a husband and wife just leaving a morning church service and focusing on the verse of the day.

"How The Story Grew" was a delightful tale of eight women who loved to gossip and the story began with a new neighbor moving into town in the middle of the night and grew to be so large that the lady who told the story had been shot dead and buried and her husband was probably running around with another woman already.

What a surprise to all of them when she walked in and was perfectly fine. Those who were in the playlet were: Martha Strahley, Louella Thomas, Susie Strayer, Diane Stouffer, Pam Fast, Angie Pollock, Barb Searing and Lil Betz.

LATTA APPLAUDS AMERICAN ENERGY ACT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Republican Conference American Energy Solution Group, made the following statement after the American Energy Act was unveiled.

"Today, House Republicans introduced the American Energy Act as an alternative plan to the jobs killing, Cap and Tax proposal put forth by the Obama Administration and Congressional Democrats and I am proud to be an original co-sponsor of this important piece of legislation."

The American Energy Act is a bill that will lower energy prices with the exploration and recovery of natural resources in the United States, promote alternative energy and energy conservation, and help put our neighbors back to work. Instead of a \$3,100 per year tax increase for every American family that the Cap and Tax proposal offers, the American Energy Act works to lower energy prices for American families which is important now during this recession, but also for the future.

Now more than ever, our nation needs a common-sense energy plan to ensure we have a continuous supply of energy, specifically to reduce our dependency on Middle Eastern oil. We must incorporate an "all of the above" policy to keep prices low and promote alternative and renewable energy."

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kalli Jo Gorrell was born to Don and Lana Gorrell on June 26, 2009. She was born at 12:45 a.m. weighing 6lbs. 12oz. and was 18 inches long. She was welcomed home by her sibling, Hayden Richard. Her proud grandparents are Rich and Cindy Skiver of Defiance and Larry and Sherry Gorrell of Paulding. Proud great-grandparents are Wayne and Ivan Lothamer of Paulding, Morris and Viola Dobbelaere of Oakwood, Norva and Frances Skiver of Defiance, and the late Cliff and Reba Gorrell of Paulding.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
 6/18 - Dale Bowers, Antwerp
 6/21 - David Smith, Paulding
 6/23 - Phyllis Hayner, Oakwood
 6/24 - Doris Pendergrast, Antwerp; Lynn Matthews, Paulding
Dismissals:
 6/20 - Elizabeth Lust, Antwerp
 6/21 - Dale Bowers, Antwerp
 6/24 - David Smith, Paulding
 6/25 - Doris Pendergrast, Antwerp (transferred to Lutheran)
 6/26 - Phyllis Hayner, Oakwood; Lynn Matthews, Paulding

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 6/25

Tuesday Night Men's League

1. On The Edge Construction 12-1
2. Anger Management 8-3
3. Red Owl 8-3
4. Buffalo Wild Wings 7-5
5. Hoffman Builders 7-5
6. Guilford Realty 6-6
7. Edward Jones/Gorrell's 6-6
8. Mad Anthony Brew 3-10
9. M.P.R. 2-10
10. Cooper Farms 1-10

Thursday Night Men's League

1. TJ's Bar 10-1
2. Larson's Body Shop/Grace 7-3
3. Chicos 7-4
4. Antwerp Pharmacy 7-4
5. Doghouse Diner 6-5
6. Lafarge 5-5
7. Taylor Brothers Roofing 6-5
8. Wolfpack 4-8
9. Poor Boys 2-8
10. Tri County Roofing 0-10

Wednesday Night Women's League

1. Carpet Wholesalers 11-1
2. Red Owl/Budweiser 12-1
3. Jay Dangler Excavating 5-7
4. Paulding VFW 6-7
5. On The Edge Construction 6-6
6. Boss Sign Shoppe 2-10
7. The Gardens 1-11

Monday Night Summer Coed League

1. Paulding Eagles 8-2 (1st Place League Champions)
2. Pack Rats/Red Owl 8-2 (2nd Place)
3. Staten's Lawn Service 7-3
4. Welch Trophy 6-4
5. Boss Signs 4-6
6. Dairy Queen 3-7
7. Signature Embroidery 3-7
8. Ballerz/Walmart 1-9

JACKSON - MILLER



In an exciting proposal that included her Kindergarten class and a bunch of orange roses Alan Miller asked Kylee Jackson for her hand in marriage. Kylee Maude Jackson, daughter of Steve Jackson and Lori Simpson will marry Brian Alan Miller, son of Brian and Ann Miller on July 24, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Paulding. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Paulding High

School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Toledo. She is currently employed as a Kindergarten teacher at Oakwood Elementary School. Her fiancé is a 2002 graduate of Paulding High School and also a graduate of the University of Northwestern Ohio. He is currently employed at Pierce Automotive in Antwerp. The couple will honeymoon at the Sandals Resort in Antigua.

SAVE YOUR LIBRARY IN DEFIANCE COUNTY—YOU MUST ACT NOW!!!

Defiance Public Library System will drastically reduce hours at Defiance Public Library, Johnson Memorial Library in Hicksville, and Sherwood Branch Library; Free Programs for all ages will be cancelled; fewer people will be available to help you in Defiance, Hicksville, and Sherwood if the Governor's proposed cut in library funding for the next two year budget beginning July 1st is accepted. Act now!

Governor Strickland is proposing a 30% cut to public library funding, in addition to the 20% loss due to economic conditions that 251 public libraries in Ohio have already received, for a total loss of 50% of state funding for our libraries.

You must act this week! Call the Governor's office at 614.466.3555 or fax a letter to his office at 614.466.9354. Contact State Representative Bruce Goodwin at 614-644-5091 or by e-mail at district74@ohr.state.oh.us. Contact State Representative Lynn Wachtmann at 614-466-3760 or by e-mail at district75@ohr.state.oh.us. Contact State Senator Stephen Buehrer at 614-466-8150 or by email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us.

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BUSY WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

While, understandably, much of the focus at the Statehouse has been on House Bill 1—the state operating budget—my schedule this past week was packed with committee hearings and meetings for several other important

ills that I have sponsored or co-sponsored. One of the challenges, and yet delights, of serving in the legislature is variety; last week highlighted this part of the job.

As Chair of the Senate Insurance, Commerce & Labor Committee, I have been working on another big budget bill that could have a tremendous impact on Ohio businesses, workers and our state's economy. On Tuesday morning, June 16, the Insurance Committee had its 6th hearing on House Bill 15, the two-year budget for the Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

Then, that afternoon, the Senate Health, Human Services & Aging Committee favorably reported Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 for a full Senate vote. The resolution, which I co-sponsored with State Senator Tim Grendell, calls on members of the U.S. House and Senate to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act, a radical pro-choice plan that would undermine popular pro-life efforts at the state and local level. While FOCA has yet to be introduced in Congress this year, it has been around in some form since 1989.

I also spent long hours outside of committee on Monday and late into Tuesday evening meeting with staff and my Senate colleagues to sort through Senate amendments to HB 15.

At 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, the Insurance Committee met again to vote on the Senate version of HB 15. The substitute bill not only allocates dollars for the Bureau's operations over the next two years, but takes a number of steps to improve Ohio's worker's compensation system for both workers and businesses. The BWC is funded through employer premiums and not the state's general revenue fund.

The Senate BWC budget would establish a bipartisan task force to study the impact of allowing competition-based alternatives to Ohio's government-operated worker's compensation system, in an effort to reduce premium costs and provide more options for workers and business owners. The bill also addresses concerns that recent changes at the Bureau have created unfair fluctuations in

the experience modification (EM) rating system for hundreds of construction companies in Ohio, which has essentially disqualified them from bidding for contracts. If ignored, this problem could drive these businesses out of the state and cost Ohio thousands of jobs. In addition, the proposal continues premium discounts for businesses that participate in the drug free workplace and workplace safety programs.

The Insurance Committee accepted the Senate version of HB 15, and hours later, I gave a speech on the Senate floor urging passage of the bill. After some debate, it was approved and sent to the House for a concurrence vote.

The Senate also passed Senate Bill 93 on Wednesday. This legislation that I introduced in April 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.

The War of 1812, or what many call America's "Second War for Independence," was a critical event in our nation's fight for independence from the British Empire, our expansion into the Northwest Territory—which, today, includes Ohio and 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. Similar commemoration efforts are already underway in Michigan, Kentucky and other surrounding states, as well as Canada.

My day did not end after Senate session. That afternoon, the Senate Judiciary-

Civil Justice Committee had a 3rd hearing on Senate Bill 86, legislation I sponsored that seeks to improve Ohioans' access to quality emergency medical care, while protecting our dedicated medical professionals from liability when responding to an emergency or disaster situation. The bill has bipartisan support in the Senate and has been endorsed by the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Ohio State Medical Association.

In addition, I gave sponsor testimony before the Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee on Senate Bill 116, legislation I introduced in April that would authorize the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to hear complaints about the failure of a railroad company to maintain certain areas near its tracks. The idea for the bill was brought to me by a local county engineer in the 1st Senate District.

As you can see, during these final weeks of the General Assembly's spring session, we do not lack for things to do. In each of these opportunities, I enjoy the challenge of trying to further good public policy and representing the people of our area. For more information on these topics and other important bills, please visit the General Assembly website at www.legislature.state.oh.us.

You can also 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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