

LADY RAIDERS WIN SECTIONALS



For the second year in a row the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders have succeeded in winning the sectionals for Division III at Van Wert High School. The ladies played an outstanding game from the very beginning. A strong early lead brought Wayne Trace a confidence they kept throughout the entire game. The first quarter pegged the Raiders with a 12-4 lead. It appeared as though Parkway never had a chance. The game ended with a score of 61-49.

Kacee Hockenberry had the high score of the game with 24 points. Elyse Myers posted an impressive 12 points and Renee Bidlack had 11. The girls had an exciting night along with head coach Gus Davis and assistants Tom McCord and Rich Miller. The girls will be playing tomorrow night against Archbold for the first round of Districts at Napoleon (March 5th) at 8:00 pm. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LOCAL GIRL WINS "WISH UPON A SONG" CONTEST

On March 1, 2009, Kenzie Clemens of Antwerp competed in the Wish Upon a Song singing contest in Lima. She dazzled and won the contest. Now she moves on to the finals. The finals take place on March 15, 2009 at the Civic Center in Lima at 5:00 p.m.

The show will air on the Lima TV channels on April 12 and April 19, 2009.

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

THANKS ANTWERP EMS!

I would like to thank Randy Schaffer and his fellow squad members, along with Gale Jordan from the Antwerp Fire Department, for their quick and professional response to my recent emergency. The care I received after falling down my basement stairs and breaking seven ribs was a reflection of their excellent training exercises. It is comforting to know that even in a small municipality, trained professionals such as these are available to the citizens of Antwerp.

—Denny Lee

BUEHRER ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF STATE GRANT TO SUPPORT WHIRLPOOL EXPANSION

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) today announced that the state Controlling Board approved the release of a \$250,000 Rapid Outreach Grant through the Ohio Department of Development to help Whirlpool Corporation purchase new machinery and equipment as part of a major expansion in Hancock County. The project is expected to bring 263 full-time jobs to the region and retain nearly 1,700 positions.

Whirlpool, the world's largest manufacturer of major household appliances, plans to purchase a new one million square foot manufacturing facility in Findlay. With the help of state grant money, the company will acquire approximately \$10 million in new machinery and equipment and make other infrastructure improvements at the site.

"This is tremendous news for our region's economy," said Buehrer. "Whirlpool has been a valuable employer in

ANGELO HARRIS SELECTED FOR FRANKLIN B. WALTER ALL-SCHOLASTIC AWARD

Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye ESC Coordinator of Gifted Education, is pleased to announce Angelo Harris, a senior at Wayne Trace High School, as the Paulding County recipient of the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award. The annual award was established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents to recognize and promote student achievement and academic accomplishment. Only one senior from each county within the state receives this annual honor.

Angelo is the son of Grace Gonzales of Paulding. Currently ranked first in his class, he plans to pursue post-secondary education with a major in biomedical engineering. Mr. Harris and his mother will be honored at a luncheon at the Ohio Educational Service Center Association's Conference in Columbus on April 22, 2009. He will also receive a book scholarship from the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center.

The award bears the name of Dr. Franklin B. Walter, who served as State Superintendent from 1977-1991. During his tenure, Dr. Walter worked with three governors, significantly improved public education in the state, and brought Ohio's schools to the forefront of the nation's attention. He has received numerous honors and has earned the respect and admiration of educators nationwide. His integrity, leadership, optimism and commitment serves as an example for all.

Northwest Ohio for decades, and I applaud the state's efforts to encourage the company to continue to invest and create jobs in our area."

"As we work to build a stronger future for Ohio's economy, it is essential that we not only focus on attracting new industries to the state but also support the growth of companies that have called Ohio home for years," Buehrer added.

In addition to the \$250,000 Rapid Outreach Grant approved by the Controlling Board this afternoon, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority also authorized a 50 percent, seven-year tax credit for Whirlpool in December 2008. Also, Hancock County JOBSolutions, which works to strengthen job training and grow employment in Northwest Ohio, will provide workforce assessments for new employees in support of the project.

Whirlpool's Findlay division has been in operation for more than 40 years and is the largest employer in Hancock County.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES FEDERAL RECOVERY ACT UPDATE

The Ohio Governor's Office has announced an update to the federal stimulus disbursement process for transportation and Federal Highway Administration resources provided to the state through an existing transportation funding formula.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued guidance late Thursday, February 26, which requires state departments of transportation to submit data to the federal government on projects to be funded completely or partially with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds by March 17, 2009.

This deadline applies to the distribution of specific transportation infrastructure project funds, which the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) currently estimates will total approximately \$774 million.

"The transportation funds will help to position Ohio for growth today and economic progress tomorrow," Governor Ted Strickland said. "We are grateful for the opportunity to put these targeted federal stimulus resources to work in Ohio to create jobs and develop our infrastructure. We look forward to continuing to work closely in a bipartisan way with the Ohio legislature and leaders throughout Ohio to take full advantage of these stimulus funds in an efficient and accountable manner."

Dates and deadlines: Monday March 2 - A project information sheet will be sent via email from (ODOT) to the contact person for the projects already submitted through this website

Tuesday, March 3 by 5:00 p.m. - Final date to submit an expression of interest for transportation projects fund-

ed by the FHWA through an existing transportation funding formula. Potentially eligible recipients who submit between March 2 and March 3 will receive a project information sheet via email immediately for completion.

Thursday, March 5 by 5:00 p.m. - All completed project information sheets are due back to ODOT.

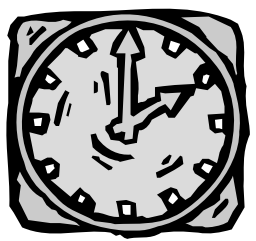
Tuesday, March 17 - Completed project list is submitted by ODOT to the FHWA.

Note that these deadlines apply to the transportation and FHWA funds only, not other infrastructure elements of Ohio's share of the stimulus resources. For example, these deadlines do not apply to transit capital grants or rail modernization resources, or other funding streams.

ODOT will follow state and federal law and federal agency guidance in prioritizing the list of projects for funding, based on the paper and/or electronic submissions of requested information. If further information or clarification is needed for specific projects, ODOT will contact project managers.

More than 12,200 total project interest forms have been submitted through Recovery.Ohio.gov - Ohio's virtual headquarters for information regarding the infrastructure and other unbudgeted elements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which has been online for nearly three weeks.

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OBITUARIES

Olive L. Johnston, 89, of Cecil, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Paulding County Hospital.

She was born in Branard, MN on July 5, 1919, the daughter of the late Paul and Hazel (Barone) Kretzmann. Olive worked at Fifty-fifty Corp., Bryan and was a member of Full Gospel Assembly, Paulding.

She will be sadly missed by her sons: Ed and David of Cecil, and Earl of Antwerp; 26 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her daughter, Maxine May; sons: Max and Eugene; grandson, Craig; great-great-granddaughter, Olivia; sister, Eva Hasch; and brothers: Donald and Herbert.

Services are at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street (U.S. 24), Antwerp at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2009 with Rev. Monty Moore officiating. She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Viewing is Wednesday, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, one hour prior to her service, at Dooley's.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences and fond

memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Lisa Morrow, 47, of Hicksville, formerly of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, February 26, 2009 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Lisa was born in Paulding on September 20, 1961, the daughter of Jack and Margarita (Flores) Bowers.

She was co-owner of her family business, LJ's Cleaning, and a member of Life Changing Realities Fellowship, Edgerton. Lisa was a devoted wife, daughter and sister, and proud mother, whose grandchildren held a special place in her heart. On May 24, 1980 Lisa married Jerry Morrow, who survives.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Jerry; daughter, Alicia of Edgerton, sons: Jerry of Fort Wayne, Dereck of Antwerp, and Grant of Hicksville; mother, Margie of Antwerp; sister, Jackie Antoine of Jackson, SC; brothers: Robin Bowers of Wyoming, MI and Tim Bowers of Largo, FL; grandchildren: Lydia, Carson and Harrison.

Her father preceded her in death.

Services were at Life Changing Realities Fellow-

ship, 428 W. Vine St, Edgerton, Ohio on March 3, 2009 with Byron Adams officiating. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. Memorials are to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Richard W. Fisher, 86, of Payne, passed away Monday, February 23, 2009 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 18, 1922, the son of the late Frank and Sarah (Hoffman) Fisher.

Dick retired from General Electric, Fort Wayne, was a member of Fort Wayne Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 248 & the Paulding Historical Society. He enjoyed fishing & gardening.

On April 11, 1969 Dick married Florence Williams Green who survives.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Florence; daughter, Cozette Carlisle of Alton, IL; son, Carl of Fort Wayne; stepdaughters: Carol Richmond of New Haven and Janet Evans of Payne; sister, Betty Dull; and brother, Daniel both of Fort Wayne; several grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one

great-great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by eight sisters and brothers.

Services were at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, on February 27, 2009 with Rev. Donna Stutzman officiating. He was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

His family requests donations to Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center or Paulding Area Visiting Nurses. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Dorothy Konopka, 63, of Paulding, died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born September 6, 1945 in Paulding, Ohio the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Russell) Konopka. She was a librarian, elementary school and high school teacher for the Gary, Indiana Community Schools. She was a graduate of Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio and Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. She was also a lifetime member of American Librarians Association and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Paulding.

She is survived by three sisters: Barbara Konopka of Paulding, Kathryn Dorsett (Colmesneil, TX, Martha (H. Greg) Evans of Fairfield, CA; six brothers: James (Lorraine) Konopka of Defiance, Robert (Deb) Konopka of Bluffton, OH, Richard (Joyce) Konopka of Flemingsburg, KY, Thomas (Jan Dean) Konopka of Monroe, MI, William Konopka of Belleville, MI, Ralph (Sue) Konopka of Wayne, MI; many nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Elizabeth Konopka.

Funeral services were March 3, 2009 at the Den Herder Funeral Home with Rev. David Meriwether officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, Paulding. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com.

Evelyn L. "Evie" Thompson, 88, of Paulding, died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding.

She was born December 7, 1920 in Defiance, OH the daughter of Herman and Lydia (Bernhart) Memmer. On March 24, 1941 she married Richard H. Thompson, who preceded her in death on January 29, 2006. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by a sister, Naoma (Vern) Keller of Pigeon Forge, TN; and many nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter, Kathy Thompson in 1984; four brothers: Robert, Charles, William and Joe Memmer; three sisters: Helen Dangler, Luella Joost, and Doris Duerk.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding and

one hour prior to services on Thursday morning.

In lieu of flowers, Evelyn "Evie" Thompson request memorials to the Paulding Senior Citizen Center. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 2/2/09

This 2nd day of February, 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

Allurance Of Claims: Warrants docketed as 155074 through 155176 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

In The Matter Of Approving Iv-d Service Contract Between Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency And Barbara A. Rath:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the IV-D Service Contract by and between the Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Barbara A. Rath, Administrative Hearing Office, for the purpose of coordinating services as set forth in the aforementioned contract and to make all reasonable efforts to coordinate with other service providers to establish a cooperative, comprehensive county plan for effective enforcement of child support effect from the 1st day of January, 2009, through the 31st day of December, 2009.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted: Adopted on February 2, 2009.

In The Matter Of Authorization Of Administration Fees To Paulding County Economic Development:

WHEREAS, the rules issued by the Ohio Department of Development state that 20% of the interest income and principal received from the Revolving Loan Fund annually and other fees associated with preparation and filing of applications may be withdrawn for administration; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize payment of administrative fees in the amount of Ten Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-four and 36/100 (\$10,334.36) from Revolving Loan Fund 080 to Paulding County Economic Development in the form of a

check. Adopted on February 2, 2009.

In The Matter Of Authorization Of Administration Fees To Paulding County Economic Development:

WHEREAS, the rules issued by the Ohio Department of Development state that 20% of the interest income and principal received from the Microenterprise Fund annually and other fees associated with preparation and filing of applications may be withdrawn for administration; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize payment of administrative fees in the amount of Sixty-seven and 25/100 (\$67.25) from Microenterprise Fund 155 to Paulding County Economic Development in the form of a check. Adopted on February 2, 2009.

In The Matter Of The Paulding County Hospital 2009 Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Paulding County Hospital 2009 Operating and Capital Budget, having been filed in the Board of County Commissioners' Office on the 10th day of November, 2008, according to Section §339.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. Adopted on February 2, 2009.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Susan Simpson, County Auditor; Kathy Sanderson, and Stan Searing - In an effort to 'clean up' the accounts, Ms. Simpson scheduled this meeting to track the history of the License Bureau Fund (Fund 150). Commissioner Burkley and Mr. Searing were able to recall the fund was originally established when the Auditor was the legal authority over the License Bureau. The License Bureau is currently privately operated. Ms. Simpson agreed to check with the State Auditors to ascertain how these dollars can be utilized. A determination will be made at a later date when additional information is obtained.

Amanda Lichty, Dog Warden - Ms. Lichty met briefly with the Commissioners for permission to attend a Veterinary Conference on February 21-24. She reported applying for and receiving a scholarship with a mileage stipend for the conference. The Commissioners gave their approval.

Harry Wiebe and Greg White - Mrs. Wiebe and White met with the Commissioners to request a letter of support to apply for funds to construct a new water plant in Paulding.

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 Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
 Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
 Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
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 All is well.*

—Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to let you know how disappointed I am that the Antwerp city council want to remove the Ehrhart Museum.

Otto Ehrhart dedicated his life to preserve and assemble the collection of Ohio species. His life long dream of a local museum for the Antwerp community came to life when Governor Rhodes traveled to Antwerp for the museums dedication in 1964.

The museum is diversified with many areas of interest.

Otto's mounted birds and animals, jars of preserved specimens, drawers of mounted butterflies and insects from the surrounding area, artifacts from Antwerp and Paulding County, photographs of flowers and plants and a library with many unusual books about the history of this part of Ohio.

The museum offers valuable information and study for the Antwerp School students as well as the entire community.

Very few towns can brag about having it's own museum, a rarity to say the least.

It's sad to see that a handful of people (the city council) can force their authority and destruction of something that is as important to the community as it's museum.

In the 1970s when I was a child, my dad would take me to the museum which I enjoyed and always looked forward to seeing the un-

usual preserved wildlife and history of our area.

I would dedicate my time to run and care for the museum.

I have discovered that many people outside the area in other counties and states including Indiana and Michigan know Antwerp from the unique A&W Restaurant and the Ehrhart Museum.

Many of the exhibits have a hand painted background which took many hours to create and will be lost and destroyed if the museum is removed.

The city council will be wrong on this call and we will lose the museum forever. In the future the decision to remove the museum will be regretted, and visitors will wonder what happened to that nice museum that used to be in Antwerp.

The space the museum occupies is by far more important to the community than turning it into a place used by city government.

—Anthony Seslar, Antwerp, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Allen County Council of Veterans Organization (Indiana) is 100% against this bill, House Bill 1604. In 1986 the request for the Supplemental Food and Beverage Tax was put on the election ballot and all citizens voted that the 1% food and beverage tax be started for the upkeep and maintenance of the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. We feel the citizens should be able to vote on the change of this bill, not just legislation.

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum was built as a living memory of all those soldiers, sailors, Marines, and Airmen/Airwomen that have gone on before us and a living memorial to all of those that have served their country to keep this land free. Remember, Freedom is not free it was paid for by the lives and blood of those individuals that have fought for this country.

We, the Veterans of Allen County, will be meeting on this subject and will be having a public rally against this Bill. We will be asking all 29,522 Veterans in Allen County to write their feelings against this bill.

Thank you for listening.

—Patricia Allison
Commander
Allen County Council
of Veterans Organizations

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These free seminars will take place on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Vantage Career Center; Monday, March 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Paulding Fairgrounds; Thursday, March 12 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Vantage Career Center.

Registration/RSVP is required for this important seminar. Please call Ron Schumm at 1-800-686-3944 ext. 185 to register or for more information.

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The Oakwood Area Scrapbookers are planning a scrapbook marathon on Friday, March 27 (5:00 p.m.–midnight) and Saturday, March 28 (8:00 a.m.–midnight) at the Cooper Community Library Community Room. We ask that everyone bring a covered dish for a potluck on Friday night and meals will be provided all day Saturday. Registration fee covers the cost of the meals. Bring your projects, supplies, tools etc for a fun time. A demonstration on the Cricut machine will be given and it will be available for use during the event. Contact the Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library for more details. Space is limited so be sure and stop in at the library to reserve your spot!

ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING FOR 2/23/09

By: Sue Knapp

The Council held their monthly meeting on February 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. All were present with Larry Ryan excused.

Chief Clemens announced 137 calls for service and 70 offenses were made. He asked what the latest was on the museum and the Administrator replied that the owners of the Manor House and Essen House complex will store and house the contents. Chief Clemens also wanted to know when the Police Department would start getting a percentage of the Village income tax. It was stated by Sarah Keeran that when the Village was out of Fiscal Watch they could designate a percent for the police department.

Councilwoman Karen Lee asked for money to be appropriated for sprucing up the park. It was also suggested that another water spigot be added to the park. The recreation committee will plan a meeting to discuss this.

MODERN MISS AND MISTER 4-H TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

Modern Miss and Mister 4H club will hold their first meeting March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Auditoria. Elections will be held at this time. The Modern Miss and Mister will construct Easter Baskets for the elderly as a service project. Any people interested in donating items or joining the club please feel free to contact Mrs. Reinhardt at 419-258-2788.

EMS Coordinator, Randy Shaffer, provided the EMS report for 2008.

Administrator's Report: Sarah Keeran reminded everyone that CCA would be in the Town Hall to help with taxes on Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. No appointments are needed. The Stone Street lift station telemetry will be up and going in 4-6 weeks. The steel bumper on the corner of Main and E. Canal was repaired. The area will be concreted with an access to the street. Sarah Keeran sent letters to Senator Buehrer asking that the small Villages not be forgotten when the Federal Stimulus monies are passed out. Senator Buehrer responded back that the Village projects would be taken into consideration. The Village employees have been busy with broken water lines, frozen meters and water back-ups.

Solicitor Melanie Farr reported on the contract with the R.R. for use of the parking lot that is located by the Oasis. She recommended not signing it at this time until she can sort some things out. They want the town responsible for all liability. An Identify Program concerning the Utility Department will need to be set up this fall.

Mayor Delong reported that for the month of January \$10,801.08 was brought into the Mayor's Court. \$1,256.50 was sent to the state. \$9,304.58 was given to the Village and of that amount \$320.00 will go to the Mayor's Court Computer Fund. \$240.00 is outstanding fees.

Ordinance #2009-10: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing fire protection services for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. 1st reading

Ordinance #2009-09: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township for providing fire protection services for the years 2009,2010 and 2011. 1st reading

Ordinance #2009-08: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the sewer fund in the amount of \$22,700.00 and declare the same to be an emergency. Accepted

Ordinance #2009-07: An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency. Accepted

Ordinance #2009-02: An Ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2009 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Antwerp, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Accepted.

PRESCHOOLERS SHOWERED WITH A VISITING METEORITE



Recently, Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were given the opportunity to view a real meteorite! Jamie Larson and Jessica Boyinton brought in this meteorite that Jamie's grandfather found in the 1930's. He estimated it to weigh between 100 to 150 lbs!

Shown here admiring the rock are from left: Ethan Herman, Aston Lewis (Jessica's son), and Hailey Stallard. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

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 There are clear and immediate domestic threats to the republic and the people of the United States. With the increasing threat to the right to bear arms and the well regulated militia, the people's ability to preserve a free state has been drastically limited.
 Therefore, we call upon you to disobey any order that infringes upon the rights enumerated in our constitution.
 Many of your brother and sisters have given their lives for the freedoms we hold so dear and that make our nation strong. Our representatives in Washington are not listening to the people, we have petitioned the government only to be met with repeated injuries.
 The founders forged a perfect union and administration after administration has strayed further and further from their intent.
 Upholding your oath may require the detention of elected officials. Following your oath, obeying the Nuremberg principles and preventing a rogue government from committing crimes against the people is not a military coup, it is protecting the Constitution, your highest obligation.
 We the people need you at our side during these times, please join us as we restore the republic together.
 Long live the republic."
 Presented by Phillip Piersma

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SINGING HYMNS, PAYING TAXES

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Way back during the first century the ruling emperor and Roman senate requested an investigation to be made of a new religious sect known as "Christians."

After a thorough study and exhaustive examination, Pliny the Younger submitted a report of his findings. He told the emperor how these people met for corporate worship every Sunday, praised their God, studied their writings, and generally made vows to renounce all practices inconsistent with their Christian faith.

One statement Pliny made is quite striking. He said, "All I can say about this sect called Christians is that they pray to one called Jesus as God, they sing hymns, and pay taxes."

Interesting, huh? *They sing hymns and pay taxes.* On the heels of my annual pilgrimage to my tax consultant I find that statement ironic. Most of us don't sing as we pray—we cry a little!

But there is a lesson to be learned. Those first century Christians impressed a Roman governor as much with their integrity as with their worship. In light of the "black eyes" evangelical Christianity has received in recent years due to scandal, we need to underscore these truths.

Too many people who call themselves "children of light" on Sundays walk as "children of darkness" during the week. And the world watches... and winces.

And it has a right to watch. And to expect more out of Christians than just empty words. Many of us have *talked* a good game but have we *walked* a good game?

A pagan Roman governor was so impressed with the lifestyle of Christians who could *sing while paying taxes* that he recorded it for all history. I can't help

but think that singing and honorable believers today can make just as powerful an impression upon a pagan world today.

ONE BODY

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In Ephesians chapter 4 verses 4-6 it mentions seven "ones". In this lesson let us look at what the 'one' body is.

First, you and I need to understand what one means. The number one means single, only one. This number, because of its solitary position, came to be associated with the idea of unity or independent existence. One also stood for that which is absolute, unique or alone.

Now with the understanding of what one means, let us look at the meaning of body. The body that Paul is talking about in the above scripture reference is the church according to Thayer's Greek and English lexicon to New Testament words and also from other concordances that I have. So if one is a single number, and it is, then there is only one body, which is the church as it tells us in Ephesians chapter 1 verses 22-23.

Then, where did all the other churches come from, for they are not Christ's? Look at Ephesians 4:16, still talking about the one body not plural bodies. Look at Colossians 1:18, if Christ is the head of the body. The church, then has to be His church and not man's.

In Matthew 16:16-19 we read about Peter's confession, and Christ telling Peter that He would build His church not on Peter, but on whom Peter confessed, which is Christ. Look at verse 19, Christ tells Peter, "I will give you the keys to the Kingdom." And then in Acts chapter 2, Peter uses those keys to unlock the church in the message that he preached. In Acts 2:41, we now see the Kingdom being the church and there were three thousand souls added

that day. In Acts 20:28, we see the church being called the church of God; Ephesians 5:23-27, we see Christ as the Head of the church and also the savior of the Body, which is the church.

Look at I Corinthians 12 beginning with verse 12-31, still telling us there is one body or church and this is Christ's church in the New Testament, but Paul tells us the churches of Christ salute you in Romans 16:16. If I own a vehicle, my name goes on the title to show that I own that vehicle. Acts 20:28 tells us Christ purchased His church with His blood and that is why His name is on His church, the church of Christ.

Loved ones, what I am telling you is scripturally sound, there is only one church that Christ will know when He comes for His Church. There is so much more that can be said, but I want to let you know that Jesus loves you and so do I! For Bible questions please call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

BREAKFAST BUFFET AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN PAULDING

The First Christian Church in Paulding will be hosting a breakfast buffet on March 19, 2009. They will be serving a continuous breakfast from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be a great time of fellowship and good food. Free will offering will be accepted.

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HICKSVILLE MASONS TO ANNUAL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Richard Wann opened the Lodge and the pledge was given. Get well cards were signed and sent to members Byron Rasey, Darren Brown, and Joe Stotler. A birthday card was sent to Randy Brooks Jr.

The 50-year members, which comprised Doyle Johnson, Dick Savage, Estel Cottrell, Derrill Kline, Elmer Woodcox, and Charles Carey stood and were recognized for their dedication to Hicksville Masonic Lodge. Others attending the stated meeting included Tim Betts, Scott Ruppert, Jim Kline, George Underwood, Tom Culler, Walter Schilb, Mike Villena, Alvin Copsey, Ron Farnsworth, Lee Kallsen, Hanson Lilly, Richard Wann, and Bill Metz., Matthew Gloor of Liberty Center Lodge and Ken Crouch from Bryan were the guests that were introduced.

The main item of discussion involved this year's Scholarships that will be awarded. It was once again decided to offer two scholarships to high school seniors in the immediate area. Applications can be obtained from Hicksville's Mike Blue or Antwerp's Shelia Caligiuri in their respective guidance offices. Hicksville Masonic Lodge has presented area seniors with scholarships for many years and will continue to so. The annual Chicken Bar-B-Q has been set for Saturday, June 6. As in past years all the proceeds garnered from this fund raiser will go towards the scholarship fund. The presentation will be made at the various school Awards Assemblies.

The "Open House" committee Chairman Scott Ruppert mentioned that flyers will be placed in the windows of the stores up town and the Cable TV release will be on the local channel in the near future. Hicksville Masonic Lodge will open its doors for public viewing on March 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The public will be given tours of the various rooms and refreshments will be served.

Donations are continuing to be received for the new roof which will be started this spring. The 5700 square foot roof will be completely refitted by Nye Insulation and Roofing of Edgerton.

The Hicksville Temple Board elected new officers at their stated meeting. They are, President Bill Metz, Vice-Pres. Scott Ruppert, Sec./Treas. Tim Betts, Representatives Richard Wann, Jim Kline, and Joe Stotler. This board is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Lodge facilities. Currently the latest project on the docket is the overseeing the construction of the new roof.

With no further business, the lodge closed and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship. The next stated meeting will be Wednesday March 11 in which degree work will be conferred.

OSU VAN WERT/PAULDING ALUMNI CLUB SPRING BANQUET TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

The annual Spring Banquet of the Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties will be held Tuesday, March 31 at JEHMMS

Banquet Facility in Van Wert. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. David Hothersall, Professor Emeritus of Psychology & the "Go-To Expert" on all things Ohio State. Dr. Hothersall will be sharing his vast knowledge of the fascinating history of the Ohio State University. This is a great opportunity for Ohio State Buckeye fans to learn about the remarkable past and present of the best university of all.

Tickets can be purchased in Van Wert by contacting any board member; at The Spelling Bee, Mengerink's Source for Sports, I Don't Care Grille, Drs Jeffery & Jeffery-Mohr Dental Office, or Flat Lands Supply or by calling Alice Schaufelberger at 419.238.2883 or JoAnne Wolford at 419.238.3525. In Paulding, tickets are available at the Animal Clinic of Paulding, 419.399.2871 or by calling Burl & Ellie Barnes at 419.399.5855. In Antwerp, tickets can be purchased by calling Emily Tempel at 419.258.2837 or in Oakwood at Cooper Country Store.

Pre-paid tickets can be picked up at the door the evening of the banquet. No tickets will be sold at the door. The last day to order or purchase tickets is Friday, March 27.

The club will also be collecting food items for distribution to Van Wert and Paulding county food banks. Those attending are asked to bring along a couple of non-perishable, non-glass jar food items to donate.

Proceeds from the banquet will go to aid students from Van Wert and Paulding counties who attend The Ohio State University or any of the OSU branches.

Complete information about the banquet and the club is available at www.osuvwp.org.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 2/9/09

This 9th day of February, 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 155341 through 155449 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County

Auditor for payment. Adopted on February 9, 2009.

In The Matter Of Re-appointments To The Planning Commission:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby re-appoint the following members to the Planning Commission; to-wit:

Joe Phlipot - 3 Year Term, expires 12-31-2011

Jeff Clark - 3 Year Term, expires 12-31-2011

Jerry Zielke - 3 Year Term, expires 12-31-2011

Adopted on February 9, 2009.

In the matter of establishing a new fund (214):

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has approved an FY2007 State Homeland Security Program Grant for \$41,734.00; and be it resolved that Fund 214 SHSP FY07 be created for the purpose of accounting for FY07 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) dollars in the amount of \$41,734.00.

Be it further resolved, that the Director of the Paulding County EMA is designated as the office to administer the fund. Adopted on February 9, 2009.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 2/13/09

This 13th day of February, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in special session with the following members present:

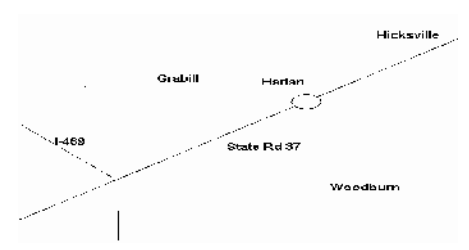
Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk, Tony Burkley, Absent

Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 155557 through 155697 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. Adopted on February 13, 2009.

Travel Request:
Susan Simpson, Kathy Sanderson, and Candace Feehan, OPERS Training, Lima, OH - February 17, 2009.

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WILD BILL HICKOK

By: Stan Jordan

James Butler Hickok was born in Homer, IL in 1837. That name was later changed to Troy Grove, IL.

There is not a lot about his early childhood or about his family members or kin. I do know that he was a good shot from early on.

At the age of 18, following a fight, Hickok moved to the Kansas Territory. He had a fight with Charles Hudson. He mistakenly thought he had killed Hudson. So he left and joined a group of vigilantes called the 'Red Legs'.

This is where he met a twelve year old boy named William Cody, later known as 'Buffalo Bill'. He was a scout for 'Johnston's Army'.

Hickok was 21 now and elected as constable for Monticello Township.

Hickok had a big nose and a protruding upper lip. For that he was nicknamed 'Duck Bill', but he encouraged his friends to change that to

Scout, a marksman and had a little time to become a professional gambler.

Hickok got badly injured by a bear and in 1861 he was assisting in a Rock Creek Stage Station where the stage changed horses. The former owners called and demanded more pay on the mortgage. A fight broke out and a William McCandles was shot and killed. There was so much shooting going on from inside and outside of the station, who killed who was not very clear.

McCandles was reputed to be the first man that Hickok killed in a fight. On other later occasions, Wild Bill was to confront and kill seven men while fighting alone.

This is a long way from the 100 that one dime novel writer told about Bill.

In the Civil War, Hickok served with other men as scout and sometime after the war, they hunted buffalo and in 1870 Hickok served as sheriff of Hays, Kansas.

In 1873, Buffalo Bill Cody

and Texas Jack Omohundro

fired almost simultaneously. Tutt's shot missed, but Wild Bill's didn't, it hit in the heart at 75 yards. After stumbling for a few steps, Tutt collapsed and died. Hickok was arrested and bail was \$2,000.00. The judge called it a fair fight and acquitted Hickok. Lots of people didn't agree with that decision.

After this a writer claimed that Wild Bill killed 100 men and it was published all over. It was an exaggeration, but Wild Bill became a household name. Actually, Wild Bill killed five men (one by accident), was an accessory to the deaths of three more, and wounded one.

In 1867, Hickok was Deputy U.S. Marshall at Fort Riley, Kansas. This is the time of the Indian Wars and the Great Plains was the battle ground.

Sometimes Hickok served as an Indian Scout for George A. Custer's 7th Calvary.

Hickok was elected Sheriff of Ellis County, KS on August 22, 1869. In his first month on the job he killed two men. Bill Mulvey got the drop on Hickok. Bill hollered, "Don't shoot my boys!" That distracted Mulvey enough and Hickok killed him.

The second man was Samuel Strawhun, Wild Bill was called to a saloon to quell a disturbance. A saloon was generally where the fight was or started.

On July 17th of 1870 in Hays, KS, Wild Bill was involved in a fight with some disorderly soldiers from the 7th Calvary. He wounded one and mortally wounded another.

He failed to win election to that job the next year. On April 17th of 1871, he became Marshall of Abilene, KS. It is reported that John Wesley Hardin had a couple run ins with Hickok, but not much became of that. He had a run in with the Bull's Head Saloon's owner, Pat Coe.

Hickok was holding off a gang in the street during a street brawl. Hickok ordered Coe to be arrested for firing a gun in town. Coe claimed he was shooting a stray dog, but he suddenly turned his gun on Hickok, who fired first and killed Coe.

Hickok saw a disturbance in the corner of his eye, he turned and fired two shots and accidentally killed his friend, an Abilene Deputy, Mike Williams who was coming to his aid. The event haunted Wild Bill for the rest of his life.

Hickok's favorite guns were two cap and ball colts, 1851 Navy model pistols, 36 caliber. He wore these until his death. His horse was called Black Nell.

Calamity Jane, claimed that she was married to Hickok and divorced him so he could marry Agnes Lake. But he soon left his new bride and went north to the gold fields in South Dakota Territory. There was a lot of good gambling in Deadwood.

In August 2, 1876, Hickok was playing poker in Nuttal and Mann's Saloon in the Black Hills of the Dakota Territory. Wild Bill always sat with he's back to the wall while gambling, so to protect himself. Wild Bill had a lot of friends but he also had incurred a lot of enemies. On the day he had to sit at a table in the middle of the floor. A ne'er do well, Jack McCall walked up and shot Hickok in the back of the head. He was

dead when he hit the floor. After they settled down and looked at Wild Bill's hand, he held two black aces and two black eights. From then on, that has been called a 'Dead Man's Hand'.

They never figured out why McCall killed Wild Bill. Some thought revenge and some figured he was paid to do it. Anyhow, after the trial he got off scott free, he was acquitted.

In a few weeks, he was bragging about how he did it and got away with it. He was retried and was found guilty and was hanged.

James Butler Wild Bill Hickok is now buried in the Mount Moriah Cemetery in Deadwood.

See Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

History is all around us. Some we can remember, and some is a long time ago... long before our time.

Over in Allen County Chief Little Turtle and all his forefathers have settled there. Some of a tribe lived south on the Ridge Road that is now US 30. That is some of the best ground for many miles.

To the east around Charloe and Fort Brown were the Senacas. There were many tribes north to Michigan and all the way east to Toledo and Fallen Timbers. That is all history and we are right in the middle of it.

Legend has it that just north of Antwerp across the Maumee on the high ground was a small tribe called Okahumpkas. They raised crops and also ate the wild game that was plentiful.

The tribal chief had a beautiful daughter, a princess named Half Moon. Lots of indian tribes would use a word or name for the newly born child. I imagine that the moon looked like a big apple cut in two and the Chief named his new baby Half Moon.

There was a nice young warrior in the tribe and these two young folks were very much in love. But her father, the Chief, was dead set against her marrying that young warrior, regardless of the fact that he was a fine specimen. His father was a common dog soldier and had no rank in the tribal council or campfire. I guess when he was born there must have been an avalanche because he was named Fallen Rocks.

Now I understand this tale takes place north of the river, about where Virgil Meyers' house now sits. When I was a little boy there was an old house just a little to the east of there and a man named Harry Carr lived there.

The story goes that at the big tribal council meeting the Chief decided that to break up this couple, if he had to, he would have some small Chief to do away with our young hero.

When the big Chief was about to bang the gavel on his decision to have the boy tied up and done away with, the young warrior bolted and slid down the river bank and into the water and disappeared.

Oh, pandemonium reigned, screams, tears, violent tempers, drums beats and a lot of accusations were made. Our young princess was screaming "NO! NO!" and the tears flowed like rain.

Our hero swam the river and started running to the

south where all the flat land is. His pursuers were soon after him but the young warrior was in top shape and could run for miles and they never caught up with him. The fact is, he was never seen again.

But that did not stop Half Moon from looking for her lover. She never married, she looked high and low, all over to the east of the big river, all the way south into the territories of Kentucky and Tennessee. She never stopped looking and asking for him, she never gave up.

Even today, if you travel to the south on I-75 and I-65 you will see signs that encourage you to watch for 'Fallen Rocks'.



See Ya!

By: Stan Jordan

The Americans and the Japanese decided to engage in a competitive boat race. Both teams practiced hard and long to reach their peak performance. On the big day they felt ready.

The Japanese won by a mile.

Afterward, the American team was discouraged by the loss. Morale sagged. Corporate management decided that the reason for the crushing defeat had to be found, so a consulting firm was hired to investigate the problem and recommend corrective action.

The consultant's finding: The Japanese team had eight people rowing and one person steering' the American team had one person rowing and eight people steering.

After a year of study and millions spent analyzing the problem, the consultants concluded that too many people were steering and not enough were rowing on the American team. So as race day neared again the following year, the American team's management struc-

ture was completely reorganized. The new structure: four steering managers, three area steering managers and a new performance review system for the person rowing the boat to provide work incentive.

The next year, the Japanese won by two miles. Humiliated, the American Corporation laid off the rower for poor performance and gave the managers a bonus for discovering the problem.

See Ya!



AN OLD CORNER MADE NEW

By: Sue Knapp

When in Paulding you will see a new and improved site on the corner of Cherry and Perry Streets.

Cheri and Al Griffiths introduce their new convenience store, The Corner Market (formally West Side Market), it opened on Monday, March 2.

Newly renovated, it is bright and clean and will provide you with party supplies or a gallon of milk and a loaf of bread, a big frozen food section and of course, they'll be lots of snacks from which to choose. There is also a comfy room available for coffee, donuts and finding out what's going on in town.

The building is quite old, it has been a movie theater (evidence was found in the renovation), egg hatchery and convenience store.

The Corner Market's hours are Sunday through Thursday 5:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 5:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight.



Wild Bill, Texas Jack Omohundro, and Buffalo Bill Cody in 1873

'Wild Bill' and it became his famous moniker.

He wasn't so wild, I guess, but the dime novel writers made him a giant in the 'Old West' and you might say he ate it up. He was a good shot, a good army scout, a gambler, a good lawman and had a lot of daring do.

Hickok came to the west as a stagecoach driver and a freight driver. He became a lawman for the early territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

He fought for the north in the American Civil War and then served as an Indian

and Texas Jack Omohundro invited Wild Bill to join them in a stage play called 'Scouts of the Plains'. Hickok was not a good actor, so he and Texas Jack left the show. Later on Cody formed his big show 'Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show' in 1882.

On July 21, 1865 in the town square of Springfield, MO, Hickok killed Davis Tutt, Jr. in a quick draw duel. After this the writer claimed this was a common occurrence. To make a long story short, Hickok arrived at the town square and the two men

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
 2/23 - Rita Schmidt, Paulding
 2/24 - Janice Larson, Payne; Olive Johnston, Cecil
 2/25 - Marsha Franklin, Payne
Dismissals:
 2/23 - John Moore, Paulding
 2/25 - Rita Schmidt, Paulding
 2/28 - Marsha Franklin, Payne

BUEHRER RECOGNIZED FOR PRO-BUSINESS VOTING RECORD

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) was recently recognized by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce for his perfect voting record on pro-business issues during the 127th General Assembly. Since 1993, the Ohio Chamber's Political and Candidate Education pro-

gram has tracked votes in the Legislature in an effort to keep Ohio's business community informed about how state lawmakers vote on important issues impacting employers and the state's business climate. Of the 10 bills included in the Chamber's analysis of Senate votes last session, Sen. Buehrer was the only senator who compiled a 100 percent pro-business record.

"I am pleased to be recognized for my strong support of business issues in the Senate," said Buehrer, who is a small business owner. "I look forward to continuing to take positions that promote business investment and job growth in our area and across the state."

Throughout his career in the General Assembly, Sen. Buehrer has worked to reduce the tax burden on Ohio businesses, eliminate burdensome government regulations that kill job growth and chase business investment out of the state, strengthen Ohio's workforce and encourage smart, fiscally-responsible use of the state's resources to promote job development in our local communities.

"At a time when many Ohio families and businesses are struggling to get by, the economy and job creation must be the Legislature's primary focus in the months ahead," Buehrer added.

THANK YOU

First of all, I would like to thank God for healing me of the cancer that I was diagnosed with on Christmas Eve morning. After surgery at the James Cancer Center at OSU Medical Center in Columbus on 1/29/09, the reports came back that everything was benign and I was cancer free. I know that God healed me and I praise him for it.

Secondly, I want to thank all of my family, friends, churches, and Dr. Max Miller and Nancy for all their prayers, cards, love and support that was given to me during this difficult time. God Bless you and I love you all. Thanks again.

—Judy Adams, Paulding

VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENT "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

It was the beginning of the 1900's, a time of parasols, white gloves, and long dresses. The Huber Opera House, in the height of its popularity, had just purchased a glorious, new hand painted curtain to adorn its stage. The curtain had been shipped all the way from St. Louis, Missouri, a city famous in 1904 for hosting the spectacular World's Fair.

Huber Theatre audiences will be given a chance to return to that era when the musical "Meet Me in St. Louis" is presented on March 6-8. The story of the musical is based on the much loved 1944 Judy Garland movie and the book by the same name.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is the story of members of the Alonso Smith family, father, mother, five children, grandpa and Katie, the Irish maid. In the course of one year, the members of the family deal with life, love, family crises, and the excitement of the coming World's Fair, singing such well-loved songs as "the Trolley Song", "The Boy Next Door", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", and of course, "Meet Me in St. Louis".

The cast ranges in age from little Tootie, who always seems to be into some kind of mischief, to Grandpa, whose eccentric outlook on life soothes the family in time of crisis. The older children, Lon, Rose, and Esther, have their own girlfriend and boyfriend problems, and Agnes plays the perfect go between for Tootie and the older folks. Just when everything seems to be going well, Mr. Smith drops a bombshell—the whole family will be moving to New York city, leaving boyfriends and the World's Fair behind! This throws everyone's life into chaos, but it all, of course works out in the end.

This story of picture-postcard Americana and youthful romance has been described as "delightful, classic, nostalgic, poignant, and romantic." It is, in fact, the perfect entertainment for the entire family.

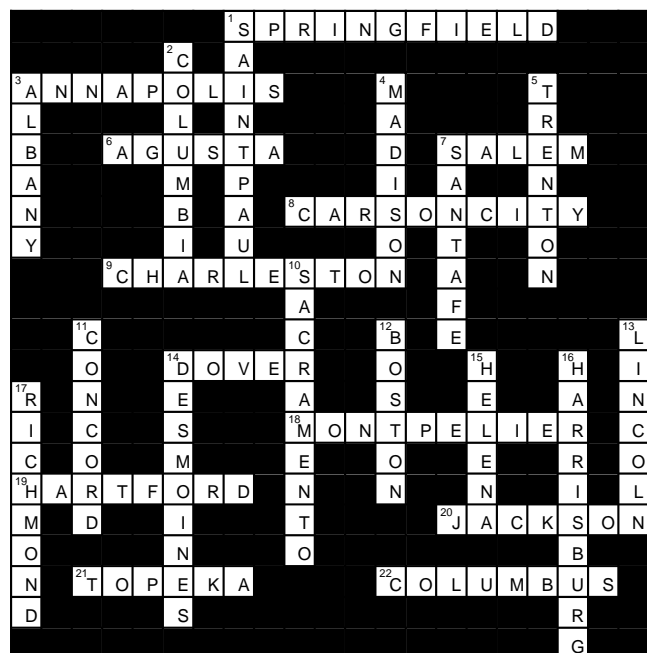
Tickets are on sale now. Call 419-542-7954 for reservations and information.

PAULDING VILLAGE MAYOR MEETS WITH SENATOR VOINOVICH IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Paulding Village (pop. 3,595) Mayor, Greg White was invited to attend Senator Voinovich's roundtable discussion in Lima, Ohio on Wednesday, February 17. The Mayor was accompanied by Village Administrator, Harry Wiebe. The topic of conversation was EPA water and sewer mandates on individual communities and the financial impact on these communities and its citizens. Among others at the table were Defiance City Mayor Bob Armstrong (pop. 16,465), Wapakoneta Mayor Rodney Metz (pop. 9,474) and Kettlersville Mayor Ben Bowsher (pop. 175). (population figures taken from the 2000 Census)

The Mayors were given the opportunity to share their individual stories and to express the financial ramifications on their communities in order to achieve compliance with EPA requirements. The Vil-

Last Week's answers to "Famous Ad Slogans"



lage of Paulding is under an EPA mandate for combined sewer overflow (which means the separation of storm water lines and sewer lines), the project to be completed by 2012 and an EPA mandate to remodel or build a new water treatment plant also by 2012.

In August, 2008 Senators Voinovich and Sherrod Brown introduced the Clean Water Affordability Act (S.3443). A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to update a program to provide assistance for the planning, design and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, or treat municipal combined sewer overflows, and to require the Administrator of the EPA to update certain guidance used to develop and determine the financial capability of communities to implement clean water infrastructure programs.

This bill was proposed in a previous session of Congress. Sessions of Congress last two years, at the end of each session all proposed bills and resolutions that haven't passed are cleared from the books. Members often reintroduce bills the next session.

Paulding Village Mayor Greg White and Village Administrator Harry Wiebe have

been voicing their concern on this issue over the last two years by attending a number of agency meetings addressing this problem and speaking out on the financial stress placed on small communities to meet EPA requirements. While the Village supports the EPA efforts to provide a clean environment and clean water, in the light of the unprecedented economic times the country is facing, these challenges place small communities, such as Paulding, in a very stressful position.

When asked what the residents of Paulding can do, Mayor White said "Write a letter to your senators, representatives and governor. Let them know your concerns and what this means to you personally. We are all in this together. We need to speak up and let our legislators know how we feel."

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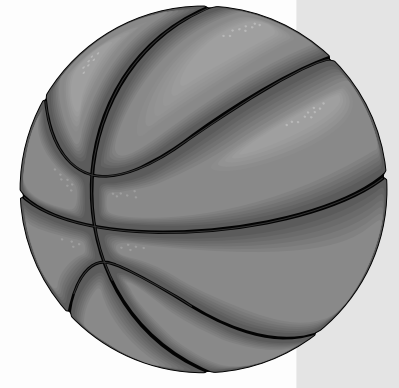
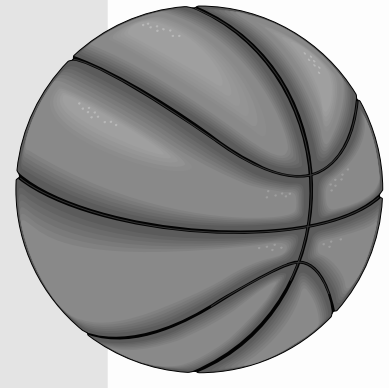
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The mission and purpose of United Way of Paulding County is the same as it has been for many years. In addition to raising money for agencies providing services to Paulding County residents, United Way of Paulding County is now providing more opportunities and services for residents within the community. If you would like more information or would like to be more involved in the community, come to the Annual United Way of Paulding County Meeting. The meeting will be held Monday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Paulding County Senior Center located at 401 East Jackson Street in Paulding. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hessler, Executive Director at 419-399-5300 or pcuw@windstream.net.

You're Invited!

For the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children & Adults, Inc.

BASKETBALL MARATHON



THE OBJECT OF THE MARATHON GAMES

To raise monies for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. for use in providing handicapped people of all ages in Paulding County with equipment and services needed. Participants are encouraged to have a great time playing a game of basketball, scoring as many points as the team can within the 24 minutes allowed for play. **Sportsmanlike conduct is the rule, not the exception.**

RULES GOVERNING PLAY

The Mini-Tots Division will use the 8' basket and a tiny ball. The Tots, Mini-Youth, and Women's Division will use the 10' basket and women's basketball. All other Divisions will use the 10' basket and regulation basketball.

- No foul shots are permitted.**
- No time outs**
- No Dunking the basketball** (We have had to pay for a cracked glass backboard, and also have had to stop games to repair the break-away rims, which changes the schedule for the rest of the games.)
- 5 players maximum on the floor at one time.**
- In Adult Co-Ed competition**, there must be at least 2 females on the floor at all times.
- In Adult Co-Ed competition**, male players are not permitted to cross, remain, shoot, or rebound from the area on the floor known as the "KEY".
- No Full Court Press in Mini-Tots, Tots, Mini-Youth Divisions**
- Shirts can only be picked up by the team captain or sponsor 30 minutes before the game.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED
BEHAVE, ENJOY, HAVE FUN!!!!!!!**

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES

The OHSAA is organized to administer and supervise the athletic program for students in grades 7 thru 12. The Constitution of the association does not contain any responsibility for any type of athletic programs below seventh grade. Anyone and everyone who is not yet enrolled in the seventh grade may participate in the Marathon without jeopardizing their future eligibility.

Students in grade 7 thru 12 who are participating in or plan to participate in basketball in the future, **MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MARATHON SO LONG AS NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAME JR. HIGH OR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DO NOT PLAY ON THE SAME MARATHON TEAM.**

AWARDS (Donated by Fessel Jewelers)

First and second place trophies will be awarded to the top two teams in the Mini-Youth, Youth, Men, Women and Co-Ed. Sportsmanship trophies will be awarded to teams who were defeated by the most points or show the best behavior in the Marathon.

Ten individual awards for first and, Ten individual awards for second will be awarded to the teams in the Mini-Tots and Tots Division.

THE MARATHON COMMITTEE

- Chad Benschneider- 419-263-2277 or 419-769-4708
- John Claymiller - 419-399-8440
- Chad Cluts - 419-263-0327
- Rusty Clark - 419-769-4490
- Jeremy Dunderman - 419-769-0680
- Troy Gerardot - 419-263-0430
- Doug & Vicky Etzler - 419-263-3132
- Ashley Litzenberg - 419-263-2533
- Rachel Treece - N/A
- Brian Vest - 419-263-0037
- Russ Zinser - 419-258-6431
- Jennifer Zartman - 419-263-4007
- Myra Zartman - 419-263-0312

The Marathon committee will endeavor to make this Marathon the most enjoyable for you and the fans and the most profitable for the Society and the people in Paulding County who need our help. If you have questions, you may contact any of the Committee members. Thanks for participating in this most worthwhile Paulding County charity.

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31st BASKETBALL MARATHON

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

The marathon begins on Friday, April 10, 2009, (time to be announced later), in the Payne Elementary Gymnasium and concludes on Saturday evening at (TBA). Team pairings and time of play will appear in the April 6th Weekly Reminder and the April 8th Paulding Progress & West Bend News.

DIVISION OF PLAY

Please Check Proper Team Bracket

___ MINI-TOTS (0-2nd grade) ___ TOTS (3rd-5th grade) ___ MINI-YOUTH (6th-8th grade)
To make team pairings as fair as possible for the mini-tots, tots, and mini-youth divisions, please designate: ___ BOYS ___ GIRLS ___ CO-ED
___ YOUTH (9th - 12th grade) ___ MEN* ___ WOMEN* ___ CO-ED* *denotes no age restrictions

REQUESTED WORDING ON BACK OF SHIRTS

One line of copy only: _____ (print clearly)

Select Color of Shirts (circle one)

Kelly Green, Forest Green, White, Black, Red, Cardinal, N.C. Blue, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Black, Burnt Orange, Tennessee Orange, Yellow Haze, Cyber Pink, Sandstone, Oxford Grey

Select Size of Shirts

You may choose any combination of ten (10) shirts for your \$100.00 entry fee. Extra shirts in excess of ten (10) are \$8.00 each. There is an additional charge of \$3.00 per shirt for XXL & XXXL shirts ordered.*

Children's Sizes	Adult Sizes
Extra Small (2-4) _____	Small (34-36) _____
Small (6-8) _____	Medium (38-40) _____
Medium (10-12) _____	Large (42-44) _____
Large (14-16) _____	X-Large (46-48) _____
X-Large (18-20) _____	XX-Large _____ *
	XXX-Large _____ *

PREFERRED TIME OF PLAY

Every effort will be made to accommodate your first, second, or third request, however, the Marathon Committee cannot make any guarantee with respect to these requests. This is a 24 hour event and prime time slots will be awarded on a first come first serve basis, as well as how your team pairs in the bracket selection

1st Choice _____ **2nd Choice** _____ **3rd Choice** _____

PREFERRED COMPETITION

Who does your team want to play? Does that team want to play your team? Is there a team your team cannot play or prefers not to play? (print clearly)

Want To Play _____ **Can't Play** _____

ENTRY FEE CALCULATION

Basic Entry Fee (includes 10 shirts) **\$100.00** (players must also pay regular admission at the door)
Extra Shirts @ \$8.00/shirt..... \$ _____ (\$8.00 x # of shirts in excess of 10)
Charge for XXL and XXXL Shirts \$ _____ (\$3.00 x # of XXL or XXXL shirts)
Total Amount Due with This Entry... \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Paulding County Society for C.C. & A** and send with this entry form to: **The Marathon, 8602 Rd. 51, Payne, OH 45880**

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009.

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Mailing Address _____ Email _____

(of person completing this entry form)

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JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

Monday Night Magic: The Gathering, a Lupus Program, and World War II Hicksville History highlight the week of March 2-7 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

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

Learn more about lupus and how to cope with its many symptoms on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library. The program is free and is open to everyone. It is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center.

If you or someone you know is affected by Lupus, then this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the disease, how to live with it, and how to cope with its many symptoms. Debra Weaks is a 30-year Lupus survivor, is a member of the Lupus Foundation of America, is its Defiance County representative, and has just started a local Lupus Support Group. She and her husband Mike will share their experiences with Lupus and will answer any questions, which you may have.

For more information on the Lupus Program or to register for it, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

To continue the 70th anniversary of Hicksville library services, the Friends of the Hicksville Library and the Hicksville Community Service Center will be co-sponsoring a World War II Hicksville History Program on Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library. The World War II Program is free and is open to every-

one.

All World War II veterans, their families, and anyone interested in learning more about World War II are invited to the Johnson Memorial Library to share their experiences and to learn more about World War II and how it affected Hicksville families and service members.

Dr. Allen Hilbert will kick off the program. He will be sharing his World War II experiences in the Pacific Theater and his care of released American POW's. To volunteer for this panel discussion, call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173 or plan to attend on March 7.

To continue the 70th anniversary celebration each month from January 11, which was the date that marked the planning for the opening of a library in Hicksville, to September 20, the day where the dream became a reality, the Friends of the Hicksville Library will sponsor a Hicksville historical program to commemorate the 70 years.

"Come on out and celebrate our 70th anniversary and learn more about Hicksville's history," invited Johnson Memorial Library's Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "70 years is a big accomplishment, especially when you realize that library services began at the end of the Great Depression; and 70 years later, we're dealing with another recession. Traditionally during difficult economic times, libraries see a large increase in circulation and use, and we certainly are today!"

Each month the historical programs will highlight a different decade or aspect of Hicksville history including:

April 25 at 1:00 p.m.—American Girl Tea

May 16-30—Hicksville Veterans Display for Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day

June-August—Programs on Hicksville's Churches and the Great Depression

September 21-26—Johnson Memorial Library Anniversary Party

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

COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY PARTICIPATES IN DIGITAL DAY



In connection with Connect Ohio/Ohio Telecom Association (OTA) Digital Day Event, Eric Roughton, manager of Arthur Mutual Telephone Company, presented Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library a new computer. Connect Ohio and OTA representatives distributed computers to more than 40 locations in the state of Ohio on Monday, February 23, 2009 with the goal of reducing the digital divide and bring more Ohioans into the

broadband era. Accepting the computer on behalf of the patrons is branch manager, Sue Thomas. Connect Ohio is a public-private partnership that works with technology-minded businesses, government entities and universities to accelerate technology in the state and close the digital divide. Ohio Telecom Association (OTA) is a statewide trade association that promotes the common interests of telecommunications companies serving and employing Ohioans.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 2/18/09

This 18th day of February, 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 155730 through 155748 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. Adopted on February 18, 2009.

In The Matter Of Appointment To District #5 Integrating Committee For Issue II:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the appointment of a representative to the District #5 Integrating Committee for Issue II for a three (3) year term extending from March 29, 2009, to March 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to appoint an alternate to act in the absence of the regular representative; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Paulding County Commissioners does hereby approve of the appointment of Tony Zartman as the representative and Tony Burkley as the alternate to the District #5 Integrating Committee for Issue II for a three (3) year term extending from March 29, 2009, to March 28, 2012. Adopted on February 18, 2009.

In The Matter Of A Supplemental Appropriation:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

FROM: Auditor's Pay-In #81870

TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/CountyTreasurer/Supplies; AMOUNT: \$150.00

Adopted on February 18, 2009.

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Street, Paulding, Ohio, a building owned by the Paulding County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a debt was incurred by the Paulding County Commissioners to remodel the building; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services determines the monthly payment to be made by the CSEA; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners enter into an agreement with the CSEA for a lease effective July 1, 2009, in the amount of \$1,088.03 per month, for a total of \$13,056.36 per year; and be it further, RESOLVED, that the payments will be used solely to pay principal and interest on any debt instrument arranged by the Paulding County Commissioners.

Mr. Tony Zartman seconded the motion. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted: Didn't pass.

Meeting Notes Of Apointments:

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss Fund 150 - License Bureau Fund.

Sue Knapp, Westbend News - Ms. Knapp advertised Westbend News's advertising fees. She stated the newspaper is free to all county residents.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey presented the 2008 Bridge Inspection Report to the Commissioners. He then addressed a recurrence of filling issues over by the Power Dam. Mr. McGarvey discussed various ideas for potential savings for the Engineer's Office. He also reported working on completing the grant application for a potential boat ramp project in the Five-Span area. In lieu of recent heavy rainfall, county flooding issues were discussed with possible alternatives to help resolve the problem. A brief discussion was held regarding two separate county sewer projects and their progress. Mr. McGarvey then discussed haul road repair from ODOT's US 24 project. He stated the Paulding County Engineer's Office has an agreement with ODOT to temporarily fix the haul routes until the project is completed. Mr. McGarvey will keep the Commissioners posted as this project progresses to completion.

Ryan Brown, Project Manager, and Adrian Doheny, Project Engineer; Horizon Wind Energy - Mr. Brown distributed informative hand-outs on the \$25 billion company, which ranks 3rd largest in the United States. He indicated Horizon Wind Energy has acquired land leases in Harrison, Benton, and Blue Creek Townships and south into Van Wert County.

Mr. Brown stated Horizon Wind Energy is currently planning three projects in Paulding County, with tentative plans to begin the Paulding 1 in Harrison Township project in 2010. He explained their 648 MW project will be a \$1.2 billion investment. Horizon Wind Energy, according to Mr. Brown, prides itself in using local companies and labor during the construction process. He also stated they work closely with the County Engineer, County Commissioners, and Township Trustees to assure roads and infrastructure are maintained before and after construction. Mr. Doheny explained the timetable they hope to accomplish. Paulding 1 project in Harrison Township will produce 48 MW and is to begin construction in 2010. Paulding 2 project in Benton and Blue Creek Townships will produce 150 MW and is scheduled to begin construction in 2011. The final Paulding 3 project is scheduled to begin in 2012 and will be in Blue Creek and northern Van Wert County. It will produce 150 MW. Mr. Doheny stated this project time-line is subject to change based on obvious factors. Mr. Brown encouraged the Commissioners to contact Horizon Wind Energy with any questions regarding taxing issues as they also work with Ohio legislators on tax rulings.

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OWNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS ON MARCH 10

Learn everything you need to know about owning your own business (or at least a really good start) on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hicksville Community Service Center.

Merry Beavers from the Northwest Small Business Development Center will provide information and resources that you may need as you plan and start your own small business. Joining her will be Jerrica Steffens, owner of Curves. Jerrica will share her experiences in starting her own business and in keeping it profitable.

For more information on the Owning Your Own Business informational session to register for it, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

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OTTOVILLE BIG GREEN UPSETS WT RAIDERS IN VARSITY BASKETBALL



Wayne Trace played their last scheduled home game against Ottoville Friday night, Feb 27. The Raiders fell to the Big Green at the Palace 40-61. Shown here is Sophomore Gage Critten scoring on a foul shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On Friday, February 27, the Big Green entered Raider country for JV and Varsity basketball action.

In the varsity game the Big Green were all over it, keeping just ahead of the Raiders for the entire game. The Varsity Raiders took a defeat, 40-61.

Score by the quarter:
Ottoville - 14 19 18 10=61
Wayne Trace - 13 12 6 9=40

Player point and rebound stats:
Ottoville - #21 Koch,

14pts, 3 reb; #13 Landin, 13pts, 5 reb; #34 B Turnwald, 9pts; #23 S Pohlman, 7pts, 3 reb; #3 Schimmoeller, 6pts, 1 reb; #25 K Pohlman, 5pts, 2 reb; #22 N Turnwald, 5pts, 2 reb; #4 Miller, 2pts, 2 reb

Wayne Trace - #3 Hale, 12pts, 4 reb; #22 C Davis, 10pts, 3 reb; #42 Gordon, 8pts, 2 reb; #44 Critten, 5pts; #45 Baksa, 4pts, 5 reb; #14 J Davis, 1pt, 3 reb

In junior varsity, the Raiders took out the Big Green, 49-30.

WAYNE TRACE'S KAMERAN CLEMENS, SECTIONAL WRESTLING CHAMP

By: Dianna Clemens

"God. Family. Wrestling." That's the way things are with the three Wayne Trace High School wrestlers (who happens to all be related) that will be advancing to the district wrestling tournament. They will be held at Dayton Kettering on February 27 and 28.

The Raiders crowned one sectional champion, Kameran Clemens, 112 lbs. who won his weight class.

Advancing along with Kameran will be his cousin, 145 lbs. Cody Stahl, who was runner up at 145 lbs. 103 lbs., Katie Clemens, who is a sister to Kameran, will make the trip too. She placed 4th.

In Kameran's first round, he beat Jeremy Post from Coldwater by a 7-1 dec. In his second round, he met #1 seed, heavily favored, state rated Colt Lovejoy of Allen East. He caused a major upset by defeating Lovejoy, 7-2 dec. This win sent Kameran to the final championship bout, where he easily dominated the entire match. He pinned Dylan Kleman, #2 seed, in a time of 3:04, guaranteeing him the sectional 112 lb. champion title.

Raider grappler, Cody Stahl, wrestled his way to the top, to prove he was good enough to be among those that will participate in the next round at the district level.

In Cody's first match he pinned Dylan McFarland of Ottawa Glandorf in a quick time of 1:23. In round two, he tech. falled Austin Heath from Cory Rawson, 15-0. In round three, he won by a 10-7 dec. over Coldwater's Trevor Kunk, advancing him onto the final championship match. In his last round Cody, who was the #2 seed paired up with the #1 seed, state rated, Anthony Dewitt, from Delphos St. John's. After one minute and 21 seconds of wrestling, the score was 4-3 in favor of Dewitt. Cody was working to get Dewitt onto his back when Cody received a serious mouth injury causing him to default the match and placing him in second.

Katie Clemens, 103 lbs. won her match against Kevin Markward from Lincolnview before loosing to Mason Kuether of Coldwater which placed her in fourth place. Katie is the first girl wrestler from Wayne Trace to advance onto the district tournament. Last year she was the 103 lb. alternate.

Also wrestling at the Sectional Tournament from Wayne Trace were grapplers, Jacob Taylor, 130 lbs., Zach Cotterman, 125 lbs., Tyler Arnett, 152 lbs., and Angelo Harris 171 lbs.

Raider Zach Cotterman won a match against Collin Hanneman from Ottawa Glandorf in a pin of 3:21. But none of the other wrestlers were able to advance.

"I think they're ready for the district level," commented Coach George Clemens. "I am just so well pleased and proud of the way Kameran and Cody performed. I am hoping for the best for all three - Kameran, Katie and Cody."

WT NHS DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

The Wayne Trace National Honor Society will be hosting its fifth annual dodge ball tournament on Saturday, March 21 in the high school gym.

There will be two divisions of teams: Beginners (grades 1-6) and Intermediate (grades 7-12). The Beginners will start at 10:00 and the Intermediates at 11:30 (times could vary slightly due to the length of the previous matches). Each team should have six to eight players and wear the same color of shirts.

There is an entry fee per team. To enter a team, you must complete a registration and waiver form, which are available in the Wayne Trace High School office or by calling the school and asking for Ms. Klopfenstein. The forms are due by Friday, March 20. On the back of the form will be the list of rules for the tournament; all participants are expected to read through the rules and be familiar with them. The winning team from each division will receive free t-shirts. There is an entrance fee for anyone who is coming to watch the matches and is not on a team.

Also, all the money raised will go towards the Paulding County Relay for Life in which the WT junior NHS members participate. Please come out and help raise money for this worthy cause.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB PARTICIPATES IN THE DELTA DUALS

On February 22, the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club participated in the Delta Dual meet tournament. The teams that competed were Delta, Perrysburg, Wauseon, Perkins, Evergreen, Patrick Henry, Fremont and Wayne Trace. The Raiders had a great day, only losing to Delta and Perkins. All-participants received a medallion.

Those that participated were: Hunter Long, Gage Tintlin, Ty Tintlin, Doninic Wesley, Dylan Laney, Gage Waltmire, Wyatt Stabler, Austin Pierce, Worth Clark, Kameron Bevis, Austin Smith, Nate Showalter, Hunter Showalter, Evan Mohr, Grant Baumle, Chole Stabler, Addi Wesley, Trevor Domina, Allie Schmidt, Brandon Laney, Caleb Schultz, Arin Canfield, Anthony Rooks, Robbie Bowers, Brendan Dingus, Jarod Galloway, Quinton Stabler, George Clemens, Zaine Cotterman, Jacob Dingus, Tyler Showalter, Zack Wesley, Grant Gillett and Justin Pierce.

PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION SUMMER BALL REGISTRATION IN MARCH

The Payne Ball Association will have summer baseball/softball registration on the following days at Payne Elementary. Teams will be sponsored for both boys and girls ages 5-15.

Sign Up Dates are as follows:

Wednesday, March 4 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 7 - 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 12 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 15 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Linder at (419) 263-2149.

LADY PANTHERS MISS IN SECTIONALS



The Paulding Lady Panthers lost to Coldwater in the sectional tournament February 24th. The team played a good game at the Van Wert High School. Both teams went back & forth throughout the game in taking the lead. The half-time score was a tight 20-21. The last several minutes was harsh for the Panthers when Coldwater held their small lead to win 45-51.

Juniour Shelby Erford (shown here) scored an impressive 19 points and Senior Cassie Kauser scored an additional 9 at the final game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding took on Bluffton at home Friday night to finish out their season. The team played hard but couldn't pull together. The Panthers lost 44-59. Shown here is senior Brady Schroeder scoring an impressive shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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ANTWERP FALLS TO OTTOVILLE AT SECTIONALS



The Lady Archers played a delayed game at Wayne Trace due to a rim malfunction in the first round of sectionals Wednesday, February 25th. The Archers took a beating the first quarter not scoring at all (10-0) until the next quarter. The Archers pulled together and had a fantastic comeback the 2nd quarter and took the lead. The 2nd half of the game was a close match, but when the time ran out, the Archers were behind 27-23. Shown here is Senior Mickae Schlatter attempting a basket. She scored 3 points in the final game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

The Antwerp girls basketball team ended their season short in the first round of sectional play against Ottoville. Final score was 23-27. Score by the quarter:

Ottoville - 10 2 7 8=27
 Antwerp - 0 10 6 7=23
 Top Archer scorers:
 #10 Winslow 4, #22 Arnold 12, #32 M Schlatter 3



Woodlan took on Belmont at home Friday night. The JV lost 28-41 and the Varsity fared a little better at 54-65. The school also honored their seniors that night in both cheerleading and basketball. Shown here is Senior Josh Kinsey attempting a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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ANTWERP VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL STATS AS OF 3/2/09

These are the partial stats for the Antwerp boys varsity basketball team as of 3/2/09:
 #3 Bryson North - 19FT, 2 2PT, 1 3PT, 26 Pts, 7 reb
 #5 Quinn Tempel - 6FT, 10 2PT, 9 3PT, 53 Pts, 25 reb
 #10 Logan Lucas - 10FT, 9 2PT, 6 3PT, 46 Pts, 14 reb
 #11 Isaac Yenser - 0FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 0 Pts, 2 reb
 #12 Justin Johnson - 3FT, 3 2PT, 0 3PT, 9 Pts, 6 reb
 #15 Adam Taylor - 60FT, 76 2PT, 19 3PT, 269 Pts, 104 reb
 #21 Jordan Koppenhofer - 17FT, 22 2PT, 13 3PT, 100 Pts, 47 reb
 #22 Travis Woodard - 24FT, 37 2PT, 0 3PT, 98 Pts, 66 reb
 #30 Beau Kobee - 2FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 2 Pts, 2 reb
 #32 TJ Short - 78FT, 101 2PT, 17 3PT, 331 Pts, 126 reb
 #42 John Rindahl - 37FT, 32 2PT, 0 3PT, 101 Pts, 46 reb
 #50 Shaile Chamberlain - 3FT, 5 2PT, 0 3PT, 13 Pts, 2 reb

FEBRUARY MADNESS DESCENDS ON ANTWERP ARCHER BASKETBALL

The whirlwind of an extended weekend is complete. The Antwerp JV and Varsity teams played three games in four days. The weekend started at Tinora where the boys put themselves in a slight hole at halftime (down 37-15) before buckling down and taking it to the Rams. The comeback fell short as the Archers were defeated 73-61. The loss left Antwerp in 3rd place in the league behind Tinora 7-0, and Ayersville 6-1, and Antwerp 5-2. Senior Adam Taylor finished hard scoring 31 points and adding 10 rebounds. The varsity bounced right back on Saturday night at West Unity Hilltop, winning 72-46, behind TJ Short's 23 first half points (26 for the game). The Archers then hosted a feisty Continental last night (2/23). The varsity was without leading scorer TJ Short who was out with the flu. Both teams played sluggish and the Archers couldn't take care of the ball falling short, 50-36. The Archer JV team went 1-2 for the weekend as well, defeating Continental. The Archers (15-4) finished their regular season at Montpelier Friday night. Sectional tournaments begin on Wednesday, March 4. Antwerp travels to Van Wert's new school to take on the (13-6) Delphos Jefferson Wildcats at 8:00 p.m. The winner of that game will face the Ottoville/Lincolnview winner on Friday, March 6.

Marc Jump's Southview squad defeated Perrysburg on the road 66-63 to win at least a share of the Northern Lakes League title with one game left to play Friday evening at Maumee.

Doug Billman's Bryan Golden Bears defeated Evergreen 64-60 to split the NWOAL title with Evergreen. Da' Bears (11-8) will traveled to Hicksville Thursday night to finish their regular season.

Last Saturday completed the GMC 8th grade tournament. Our Archers played Edgerton, a team they lost big to early in the season, and the #2 seed in the tournament. A hard fought battle was 10 points better for Edgerton, leaving the Archers as runner-up in the tournament, our best finish since 1986-87.

They finished with an 8-9 record and had a strong finish to their season winning six of their last seven games.

Saturday (2/21) saw the Archer Freshman beat up on the Ayersville Pilots in round one, and then defeat Wayne Trace last night (2/23) in the semi-finals 33-16. The Coach Kevin Taylor and his Archers (12-4) will play #1 seed Tinora, at Tinora, on Saturday, February 28 at noon. The Archers will aim at the championship, while also trying to avenge a loss to the Rams earlier this year.

NORWELL PLOWS THROUGH WARRIOR DEFENSE IN BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Norwell converted 23 Woodlan turnovers into points, opened the game with a 14-0 run, and went and downed the Warriors 83-39 at the Warriors' gym. All 12 players dressed for the Knights scored in the contest with Brandon Gerber getting 27 points including 4 three-pointers. Jerrid Rydell finished as high scorer for Woodlan with 9 points.

Score by the quarter:

Norwell - 23 20 18 22=83

Woodlan - 3 12 12 12=39

Norwell - Gerber 27, Fillman 12, Shatto 7, Shapley 6, Matthews 6, Shady 5, Johnloz 5, Morphew 4, Fiechter 4, Reinhard 3, Biberstein 2, Dickey 2

Woodlan - Rydell 9, Evans 7, Gorrell 6, Malfait 5, Lortie 5, Mumma 2, Hines 2, Romines 2, Patterson 1

The Knights beat Woodlan 48-29 in the reserve game with Cameron Kinsey scoring 10 points for the Warriors.

ELMHURST TAKE DOWN WARRIORS IN VARSITY BASKETBALL

Elmhurst jumped to a 23-10 lead after the first quarter and the Trojan dumped a 84-44 defeat on the Warriors. Matt March hit for 25 points and Austyn Pace got 24 points to lead the way for the Trojans. Corbin Bell and Jerrid Rydell each had 8 points.

Woodlan - 10 11 8 15=44

Elmhurst - 23 22 22 17=84

Woodlan - Bell 8, Rydell 8, Romines 6, Lortie 5, Hines 5, Evans 4, Malfait 4, Gorrell 2, Mumma 2

Elmhurst - March 25, Pace 24, Gayday 16, J Williams 10, Bright 3, Cleveland 2, Sanders 2, A Williams 1, Scott 1

PAULDING COUNTY INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Paulding County Independent Insurance Agents Association, Inc. will once again be awarding scholarships to several Paulding County high school seniors this Spring. (Paulding County home schooled students are also eligible.) Applications are available in the guidance office of the three Paulding County high schools, as well as the six Independent Insurance Agencies. (Antwerp Ins. Agency, Foltz Ins. Agency, Hornish Financial & Ins. Services, Leland Smith/Shisler Ins. Agency (Paulding & Antwerp locations), Stahl-Stoller-Meyer Ins. Center and the Williamson Ins. Agency. The deadline to have applications turned in is Friday, April 17, 2009.

A WIN AND A LOSS FOR ARCHER BASKETBALL



A big question loomed the night Antwerp Varsity took on Continental at home: Can the Archers win without TJ? The Antwerp boys appeared to lose confidence from the beginning. The Archers lost 50-36 with a high margin of turnovers. Shown here is Senior Adam Taylor looking for an open player to pass to. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp JV Boys took on Continental in a re-scheduled game Monday, Feb 23 at home. The Archers out-scored the Pirates 37-27. Shown here is Shaile Chamberlain attempting a basket from the 3-point line. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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NORTHWEST OHIO HOUSING COALITION: RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 27, 2009 POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT ARE RELEASED

The Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition participated in a statewide "Point in Time Homeless Count" on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Throughout the state of Ohio, Housing Coalitions and Continuum of Care groups joined forces to count the number of people experiencing homelessness on one given day. This effort was organized by The Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio.

Locally, volunteers from the NW Ohio Housing Coalition sent data collection forms to area service organizations, churches, schools, businesses, parks and campgrounds. Volunteers also went out into the community that evening in search of persons who might have been sleeping in cars or other inadequate housing. Data was collected for Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams counties. Anyone who may have had contact with someone who was homeless or at risk of homelessness was asked to respond by returning the data collection form or calling First Call For Help.

Results of the January Count provided the following information:

159 people in the five county area were homeless on January 27. Of the 159 homeless persons - there were 71 single persons and 20 families consisting of 29 adults and 59 children. 59 of the people reported to be homeless were residing in a local shelter facility.

439 people in our five county area were identified to be at risk of being homeless within three months. Of the 439 at-risk persons there were 123 single persons and 96 families consisting of 137 adults and 167 children.

Homelessness in rural areas is a hidden problem. Rarely do we see persons sleeping on a sidewalk, a park bench or under a bridge—although these occurrences have all happened right here in NW Ohio. But yet, hundreds of people from our communities find themselves homeless each year and resort to sleeping in cars, in tents or campers, on front porches, in abandoned trailers or buildings, in community shelter programs, in hotel rooms or "couch surfing" from one kind friend or relative's home to another.

The January 27th count indicated a decrease in the number of local people considered to be homeless or at risk of homelessness as compared to data collected in the 2008 count.

Although the total number of people affected by homelessness decreased, the number of families and children experiencing a housing crisis increased. Committee members contribute this increase to several factors:

Lack of affordable - long term housing options

Lack of adequate/available emergency shelter programs and/or assistance with housing costs. (Especially for larger families).

Increase in foreclosures - In addition to the effect on the homeowner, people who were living with friends or relatives lost that option when the home was foreclosed on.

Lack of adequate employment opportunities.

A point in time count is a crucial activity in our community's continuum of care process to assure effective services for homeless or at-risk persons. The count provides important information about the number of persons who may need access to services and allows communities to determine if current services need to be expanded

or improved.

For more information contact one of the county team leaders:

Defiance County: Kris Bryant - NOCAC - PATH Center 419-782-6962

Fulton County: Liz Keel - Maumee Valley Planning - 419-784-3882

Henry County: Maria Martinez - Rural Opportunities, Inc. - 419-875-6654

Paulding County: Nancy Hessler - The United Way of Paulding County - 419-399-5300

Williams County: Linda Shambarger - The Corrections Center of NW Ohio - 419-428-3800

Or Angie Franklin, Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition President 419-784-5136 ext. 1138.

SCAMMERS DISGUISED IN HELP WANTED ADS

First: Job hunters scouring the pages of the classifieds need to know not all opportunities are what they appear to be. The BBB notes an uptick of inquiries about Safety Enterprises, a division of G&M Marketing from the Cleveland area, exact location unknown. Consumers advise the BBB that the company advertises management trainee positions. Accordingly, applicants are required to work in sales positions in order to be eligible for promotion; required to pay a \$70 non-refundable registration fee to cover various administrative costs; and required to pay a \$165 fee for a demonstration kit. The \$165 kit fee is said to be refundable upon reaching office manager status; or, if management is not achieved and the kit is returned, only a pro-rated amount, if any, will be returned. This company is not a BBB Accredited Business! In fact the BBB gives it an F rating. Reasons: a high number of complaints filed against the business, unresolved complaints, failure to respond to complaints and the number of serious complaints.

Next: Mystery shopping scams abound! Be diligent in identifying them from the legitimate ads. Consumers nationwide report receiving checks from a reputable company along with a letter stating they have been chosen for two mystery shopping assignments. The letter looks legitimate with the company's logo and a reference to the company being a BBB Accredited Business. The consumer is told to take the check they were sent, keep a portion of it and wire the rest of the money back to them (in Canada). The check bounces and the consumer is out the money, sometimes thousands of dollars. How do they get their leads? Apparently, the scam artists mine names and addresses from consumers who have posted resumes on job search sites. Consumers need not fall victim. Check with the BBB first!

Next: Worthless gold and platinum credit cards. They thought they were getting a guaranteed, non-secured gold or platinum VISA or MasterCard. Instead, the folks who sent \$69 to Texas-based Consumer Financial after receiving a solicitation in the mail, say they got a card that could only be used to buy merchandise from their catalogue. And they say that wasn't what they were promised. The com-

pany has a BBB rating of D+ due to a pattern of complaints that allege consumers were led to believe they would be receiving an unsecured VISA or MasterCard. Instead they either received a card that could only be used to purchase merchandise from the company's catalogue or they received nothing at all. BBB Consumer Financial denies any pattern of wrongdoing.

Finally: More bogus offers! Consumers report Vertue, Inc. of Omaha is sending out discounts in the areas of healthcare, travel, family entertainment and fashion. Customers are tricked into unintentionally signing up for long term agreements after being led into assumed 30 day trial periods. The BBB has processed a whopping 2518 complaints during the last three years, earning Vertue and its subsidiaries an unsatisfactory rating.

—Ric Herrold, BBB

LATTA STATEMENT REGARDING PRODUCER DIRECT PAYMENT ELIMINATION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Agriculture Committee, made the following statement today in response to the Obama Administration's position on eliminating direct payments to producers.

"Agriculture is the backbone of Ohio's, and our nation's, economy. Our farmers already struggle to maintain daily operations and during this time of economic uncertainty safety nets exist to provide support to ensure our nation's food supply is bountiful and safe.

Provisions in the 2008 Farm Bill provide these safety nets and while less than 30 percent of the Farm Bill was dedicated to these programs, they serve an important role and should not be eliminated. Approximately 70 percent of the Farm Bill is dedicated to nutrition programs, mainly food stamps, not agriculture programs.

Without safety nets, farms that have been in families for generations could possibly cease to exist and the United States would be forced to purchase agriculture products from foreign countries, placing additional stress on our nation's economy and agriculture markets.

I will continue to fight for family farms to ensure their survival so that our agricultural industry maintains it's important role in our country."

WAYNE TRACE 5TH & 6TH GRADE TEAMS WIN MINI ARCHERS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Wayne Trace 5th grade won the Antwerp mini Archer tournament Feb. 28. Team members are Bottom Row: Chase Miller, Luke Miller, Gabe Wobler, Alec Vest, Austin Fast, Back Row: Corey Davis, Noah Stoller, Justin Speice, Clint Sinn, Coach Scott Miller (Missing: Cole Sheppard)



The Wayne Trace 6th grade basketball team won the Antwerp 6th grade tournament Feb. 28. Team members are Bottom Row: Cassidy Hilke, Darrius Hale, Jake Aarend, Seth Heck, Ethan Linder, Corbin Linder Top Row: Coach Brian Welch, David Sinn, Riley Moore, Kyler Showalter, Nick Glass, Hank Sinn.

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY HOLD PEP RALLY FOR HS PANTHERS



Oakwood Elementary kindergartners and first graders are pictured here anxiously awaiting the start of a pep rally held for Paulding High School Panther athletes. Students looked forward to an

annual visit from the PHS varsity athletes, who spend time with the students in the classroom, at lunch, and at recess before the pep rally. Go Panthers!

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET LEAVES MANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

Capitol Letter Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Since the State of the State address in late January, the Governor has been traveling the state touting his education plan as a "bold," "innovative," "student-centered" approach that meets the needs of all Ohio's students. While many of the Administration's ideas appear promising on the surface—greater accountability of public schools, raising teacher standards, ensuring our kids have modern resources in the classroom—more than three weeks after the Governor first unveiled his proposal, we have yet to get clarification about how much these reforms would cost and how they would impact local school districts.

The Governor has proposed two major changes to Ohio's school funding system. The first would reduce the amount of the local share used in the state's school funding formula from 23 mills to 20 mills. While we should continue to work toward the goal of the state paying a greater share of education costs, there is concern that this change may actually benefit wealthy schools more than low-income schools, creating a greater disparity between districts.

The other major piece of the Administration's school funding plan would allow voters to pass conversion levies, which would authorize a portion of property tax mills in a school district to grow with inflation. As with the Governor's idea to lower the local share used in the state's school funding formula, there is also concern that conversion levies could increase disparity between wealthy and poor school districts. Not to mention, growing property taxes could put a tremendous strain on senior citizens and other Ohioans on fixed incomes.

According to the Office of Budget and Management, funding for 229 of Ohio's 613 school districts would either be cut or flat-funded in the Governor's budget over the next two years, while other districts would see significant increases in state support. Specifically, many districts in Ohio's rural communities will see cuts, including schools in the 1st Senate District, while some urban and suburban districts would enjoy major increases in funding. Columbus City Schools, for example, would receive a \$54 million increase in state aid over the biennium, and they already spend significantly more money per pupil now than our rural school districts.

Furthermore, Parity Aid, which helps close the gap between low property wealth districts and wealthy dis-

tricts, would be eliminated under the Governor's plan.

We are still waiting to get specifics about Governor Strickland's budget, but it appears that many schools would be worse off if the proposal passed. This fact is difficult to comprehend at the same time the Governor is framing his plan as the path toward a "simple, equitable and sustainable" education finance system.

While school funding reform is a significant focus of the Governor's budget, he also proposed a number of other changes to Ohio's education system, including increasing the school calendar from 180 school days to 200 school days, replacing the Ohio Graduation Test with the ACT and other measurements and placing a stronger focus on instruction outside of traditional coursework in reading, writing, math, science and history. It is important that our students are prepared to succeed in a changing world, but the Administration has revealed very few details about how much these mandates would cost the state and our local school districts.

Education is not the only area of concern in the Governor's \$54.7 billion two-year budget. The spending plan relies on more than \$5 billion in one-time money from the federal stimulus package, which was signed by President Obama on February 17. The Administration crafted their budget based on an estimated amount of federal dollars coming to Ohio, so they have yet to draft a final version of the bill. This delay has put the entire budget process on hold.

No matter how much federal money Ohio receives in the end, using one-time money to pay for ongoing state expenses or the creation of new state programs that will require funding in the future could set the stage for tax increases down the road that average Ohioans cannot afford.

I am eager to see the details of the Governor's budget in the coming days. Moving forward, I will work with my colleagues to ensure that the state's limited resources are invested in areas that are critical to Ohio's future success.

I encourage all residents of

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

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

By: Gaylen Goff Stetler and Mrs. Juanita Becker

Taken from 'Bringing Back the Good Old Days' Woodburn Centennial - 1865-1965

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NOCAC PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AEP CUSTOMERS

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NOCAC also received 150 energy conservation kits to distribute free of charge to any AEP customer whose household income is below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The kits contain items that will assist the recipient in reducing their energy usage and their energy bills. Some of the items included in the kits are CFL spiral light bulbs, foam weather strip, efficient showerhead, and an LED night light.

AEP customers that are threatened with the disconnection of their electric services or those that would like to receive an energy conservation kit should contact NOCAC at 419-399-3650 to determine eligibility and schedule an appointment. This assistance will be available until March 31 or until funding and supplies are depleted.

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SENATE WORKS TO PROMOTE COMMON SENSE REGULATIONS

Capitol Letter Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

To help our state recover from the impact of a recession and ensure economic growth over the long-term, we must work to enforce a system of fair, common sense business regulations in Ohio that don't chase investment and jobs out of our local communities. With this in mind, Senate Republicans' have made regulatory reform a top priority during the 128th General Assembly.

This past summer, the Regulatory Reform Task Force, a bipartisan group of legislators from the House and Senate, held eight public meetings around the state to help identify areas where Ohio can eliminate regulatory barriers that have stifled job creation and slowed economic progress. The Task Force's recommendations have become the foundation of Senate Bill 3, the Small Business Empowerment Act, which was introduced by State Senator Keith Faber earlier this month.

The bill would require state regulatory agencies to evaluate regulations with the future of Ohio's economy in mind and take steps to eliminate regulatory duplication, make adjustments when the cost of compliance exceeds the benefit of the regulation and ensure fees and fines are consistent with the actual cost of enforcement. Agencies would be required to submit reports to the Department of Development's Office of Small Business detailing their efforts to meet these goals.

In addition, SB 3, which is

scheduled for a 2nd hearing in the Senate State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee on March 3, would create a Small Business Regulatory Review Board to provide business owners and other members of the public a forum to voice concerns about regulations, while working with agencies to ensure rules are not overly burdensome.

The effort to improve Ohio's regulatory climate also includes Senate Bill 4, legislation that would require the Auditor of State to conduct performance audits of several key state agencies to track their progress in promoting common sense business regulations. These agencies include the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

For Ohio's communities to compete in today's global economy, we cannot saddle business with unnecessary government regulations, because they will simply take their investment and jobs elsewhere. SB 3 and SB 4 are an important part of what should be an ongoing effort in the General Assembly to improve Ohio's regulatory climate.

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

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

March is a very busy month for our students. Winter sports are winding down and the students participating in spring sports are gearing up for a new season. Our seniors are busy planning for their futures by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military as they begin the last quarter of their high school career. The sophomores will be taking the Ohio Graduation Tests beginning March 16. I am confident that our staff has prepared the students well for these high stakes tests. If you would like more information about preparing for these tests, check out this great Ohio Department of Education website at <http://portal.success-ode-state-oh-us.info>, and click on OGT.

As I mentioned last month, we are preparing for implementation of an instant alert system for weather delays and cancellations. A letter will go home with all students when this system is ready. The instant alert system will allow the school district to contact all families directly with delay and closing information, as well as other important announcements. If you are currently watching Ft. Wayne television stations through Time Warner Cable for your school delay and closing information, please be aware that Time Warner may discontinue the Ft. Wayne network channels. We are currently working with the Toledo network channels to get our information posted. The most accurate information can always be accessed on our website at pauldingschools.org or by calling the school.

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

Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Kevin Dangler

By now I'm sure word has traveled home that there is a new principal at Paulding Elementary School. There is, and I would like to introduce myself. I'm Kevin Dangler, a native of Paulding, and a graduate of Paulding High School. Years ago, I began my teaching career right here, in the very building that I am now serving as principal. I have been in the education field 31 years as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. I welcome this opportunity to come back and serve the community, teachers and staff, parents and most of all, the children of Paulding.

The month of March brings many activities to our building. The third nine weeks grading period will end on March 13. Grade cards are scheduled to go home on Wednesday, March 18. On March 20, teams of 5th graders will compete in this year's Battle of the Books. This program is sponsored by the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. The program encourages reading for pleasure and rewards the development of comprehension skills. Good Luck to our teams!

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

Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2: \$55
Grade 3, Grade 4 & Grade 5: \$50

The annual PTO Spring Book Fair will take place the week of March 23 through March 27. Also that week, Life Touch Pictures will be here on Monday, March 23 to take Spring pictures. Please plan ahead in your budget for these two events if you wish for your child to participate in them.

Our 5th grade will perform a choir concert on Tuesday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Paulding Elementary gym. They will also travel to Oakwood Elementary on Thursday, March 26 to perform for their students. The Kindergarten Clinic at Paulding Elementary will be held on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1 (enter at Water Street entrance). Kindergarten will be open to any child who is five years of age on or before August 1, 2009. An appointment is required so please call Paulding Elementary at 419-399-4656, ext. 1312.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a cold,

but sunny day! Just today on the afternoon announcements, I reminded students of the importance of wearing winter coats, hats and gloves. We were quickly spoiled by some very nice weather in the middle of February, but it surely did not last!

We have completed our spring parent/teacher conferences, IEP conferences, and February IAT meetings. Thank you to everyone who attended meetings at our request. When communication lines between home and school are open and direct, a student has the support system in place to be successful. Please continue to encourage your child to stretch and grow to master the concepts set for each grade level by the State of Ohio.

Oakwood Elementary wants to send a BIG thank you to all who sent in items for our school supply collection held the first week in February. One of our teachers has a contact in the U.S. military who is part of a unit charged with rebuilding schools in Iraq. She was made aware of a need for school supplies as these Iraqi schools will be opening soon. In our week-long collection, Oakwood Elementary students and community donated LOTS of supplies. Twenty-one APO boxes were packed and shipped on February 17 and should arrive in Iraq around the time you read this article. Again, thank you to all who helped support our project!

We are really proud of our 6th grader, Jacob Dingus. He was Oakwood Elementary's representative to the Paulding County Spelling Bee held on February 9 at Antwerp High School. Jacob spelled his way to runner-up for Paulding County. After twenty-some rounds and spelling words like wiseacre and dungaree, Jacob misspelled virtuoso. Congratulations Jacob! You did a fantastic job!!

March brings us the end of the third quarter, spring pictures, memory book sales, Battle-of-the-Books, Read Across America Day, and Music-In-Our-Schools Month. Our 5th and 6th grade choir will get to perform joint concerts with students at Paulding Elementary to celebrate Music-In-Our-Schools.

Oakwood Elementary will hold a Kindergarten Camp on Tuesday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. for children in the Oakwood district who will be starting kindergarten in August 2009. This evening is intended to familiarize children with the places and faces they will see when they come to their kindergarten screening appointments on Friday, April 24. Parents will have an opportunity to complete paperwork and set up an appointment for screening. We ask that parents bring the child's certificate of live birth, shot records, social security card, and custody papers (if applicable) with them to Kindergarten Camp on March 31. Please call Oakwood Elementary at 419-594-3346 if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from the Middle School. Wow, time is flying by! March will be here soon and we will be rapidly moving towards the close of yet another school year.

A couple of congratulations need to go out. First, congratulations to Middle School wrestler, Taylor Deatrick. Taylor won his weight class and was crowned Northwest Conference Champion at the conference tournament held at Delphos Jefferson recently. Our wrestling team, coached by Mr. Eric Deisler, finished third overall in the tournament. Great season.

Also, congratulations to our Middle School Advanced Reading class, taught by Mrs. Deb Paputsakis. This class recently submitted a student video at the Ohio eTech convention in Columbus. Team members Ashlyn Strahley, Dalton Talbott, Isaac Nice, Ellie Miller and Laurel Wehrkamp attended the conference; and our team won the competition for the **BEST STUDENT VIDEO** in the State of Ohio. Great job team!

Our winter sports teams have now completed their seasons. I wish to congratulate and thank all the coaches, players, parents and fans for yet another fun season of wrestling, cheerleading, boys basketball and girls basketball. We now move into spring, and I look forward to a strong showing from our boys and girls track teams.

Our annual all-volunteer Science Fair was held on Friday, February 20. I will give you the names of those students moving on to District competition in my next newsletter. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Favorito for planning and organizing this huge undertaking and to all of the students for the excellent projects on which they worked so very hard. It is always amazing to me to see the

effort these kids put into this event. It was very rewarding.

Our memory book sale ended on Monday, February 23. What a great way to remember your Paulding Middle School years.

The money and form deadline for our annual 8th grade class trip to Cedar Point was February 25. We will be going to Cedar Point on Tuesday, June 9, for our annual day of fun. Hope for nice weather.

On March 5, 100 select 8th grade students will be taking the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) test. This is a national test, and our school has been randomly chosen to participate. We thank The Divine Mercy Parish of Paulding County for allowing us to test in the church basement that day. The students will be tested in the areas of math, reading and science; and the results will be used to help establish the national norms for this test.

Scheduling of classes for school year 2009-2010 is now taking place. We will be meeting with the incoming classes of 6th, 7th and 8th graders for next year to plan their educational courses of study.

The third nine weeks grading period ends on March 13. Please encourage your students to continue performing in the classroom. As I mentioned earlier, time is flying by; students who need improvement in order to be promoted to the next grade level should prepare now.

Jumping ahead, 8th grade graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. This may change if we miss any more days of school. 8th grade graduation will **ALWAYS** be the last day of school. Please remember that in order for your child to walk in this ceremony, they must have their school fees paid in full.

Thank you for your continued support of our kids. Please feel free to contact me at school with any comments, concerns or questions you may have.

High School-Todd Harmon

Paulding High School would like to thank the parents of all the winter athletes for their support, and commends the seniors for their leadership and character to help continuously improve our programs. PHS is actively preparing for our spring sports season. Please stop by and pick up a season schedule and support your Paulding Panthers.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences. Parents are encouraged to check your students' grades on our website, or call the school and talk with your child's teacher.

PHS is preparing for the Ohio Graduation Tests to be administered the week of March 16-20 (freshman take the practice test and sophomores take the official test). Graduation from high school is dependent upon successful passage of ALL 5 sections (Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies and Science). **Juniors and seniors not taking the tests will have a two-hour delay each day on March 16-20 and must find alternate transportation, as only the regular bus routes will be run.** Any student unable to make other arrangements may ride the regular bus route and report to study hall until testing is finished. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast. Daily attendance is very important. Our teachers have done an excellent job teaching and I know their hard work will help your child succeed.

I would like to thank the band director and the choir director for their excellent performances with their students. PHS is grateful for our talented and gifted drama team consisting of Ruby Crossland, Jane Smiley and Sandy Dobbelaere. I hope many of you take the time to see the production of "The Nit Wits" to be performed on March 27 and 28 in the high school auditoria. Special thanks to our district librarian, Ellen Williams, for her time in assisting teachers and students with all the testing the district deals with this time of year. Mrs. Williams continuously broadens the opportunities the students have to further their education in the media center. Finally, thanks Paulding community for all your support of education here in Paulding.

FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENING FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-5

A countywide preschool screening will be offered Friday, March 20 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-686-2964, ext. 1115 to pre-register. A limited number of walk-

ins will be available.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Fall backwards; spring forward. Daylight savings time begins on March 8, 2009 at 2:00 a.m. this year. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

PAULDING ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters will be selling 2009-10 300 Club tickets (\$25) from April 1-June 30 as well as Maroon and White Club memberships (\$10). Please contact Mike Mott, Rosie Sholl, Jackie Pease, Linda Dangler, Patti Bissell, Rainell Koenn, Debbie Carter, Bridget Rupert, Rocky Dangler, Heather Becker, or Jill Breedlove. The Athletic Boosters appreciate all your support in helping our Panther Athletes. GO PANTHERS!!

GRADUATION DATE REMINDER

The graduation ceremony for the class of 2009 will be May 24, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

IEP/ETR TRAINING PROGRAM

A free parent training session is scheduled for March 26 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School Lecture Hall. The session will focus on the Individualized Education Program (IEP) form and the Evaluation Team Report (ETR) form, which were revised by the Ohio Department of Education. Parents and caregivers of children receiving special services should attend. Please contact Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, Western Buckeye ESC, Paulding County, at cruiz@wb.noacsc.org, or call Cathy at 419-399-2512, ext. 454 to register or for additional information.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Girls Basketball District Tournament

Mar. 5 @ Napoleon TBA
Mar. 7 @ Napoleon-Depends on outcome of Mar. 5 game TBA

Boys Basketball Sect/Dist Tournaments

Mar. 6 @ Defiance-Depends on outcome of Mar. 3 game TBA
Mar. 12 @ Napoleon TBA
Mar. 14 @ Napoleon-Depends on outcome of Mar. 12 game TBA

Boys/Girls Track

Mar. 28 Early Bird @ Napoleon 12:00

JV Baseball

Mar. 30 Lima Shawnee-H 5:00
Mar. 31 Van Wert-T 4:30

Varsity Baseball

Mar. 30 Lima Shawnee-T 5:00
Mar. 31 Fairview-H 4:30

JV Softball

Mar. 23 Scrimmage-Napoleon-T 4:00
Mar. 30 Lima Shawnee-H 5:00

Varsity Softball

Mar. 23 Scrimmage-Napoleon-T 4:00
Mar. 24 Continental-H 4:00
Mar. 30 Lima Shawnee-H 5:00
Mar. 31 Bryan-T 5:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Mar. 4 Athletic Booster Meeting 7:00p
Mar. 5 OakEl All School Skate-Wood-U 6-8:00
Mar. 5 8th Gr. NAEP Test 7:45a
Mar. 6-7 FFA State Evaluations-Plain City
Mar. 6 District Choir Contest-VVHS Lecture Hall 5:00
Mar. 6 District Band Contest-Niswonger Performing Arts Center-VVHS 7:45p
Mar. 8 Daylight Savings Time 2:00a
Mar. 9 FFA Chapter Mtg.-Ag Room 6:00p
Mar. 11-12 National Honor Society Trip-Chicago
Mar. 11 Oakwood Staff Health Fair
Mar. 11 FFA Officer Interviews-Ag Rm 2:30
Mar. 12-13 Paulding Staff Health Fair
Mar. 13 OakEl February Student/Month Lunch
Mar. 13 End of Third Nine Weeks
Mar. 16-20 OGT-Gr. 10-12/Practice Test-Gr. 9 (2-hour delay for JRS/SRS not taking tests)
Mar. 16 Oakwood Elem. Battle/Books 1:30
Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 17 Board Meeting-Admin Bldg 7:00
Mar. 18 Grade Cards Sent Home
Mar. 19 Oakwood El. Lifetouch Spring Pictures
Mar. 20 Paulding Elem Battle/Books 9:00
Mar. 20 Preschool Screening-St Paul Lutheran Church 12-4:00
Mar. 22 FFA Dist 4 Invitational-Mercer County
Mar. 23 Paulding El. Lifetouch Spring Pictures
Mar. 23-24 Paulding El. PTO Spring Book Fair
Mar. 23-27 OGT Make-Up Test Week
Mar. 23 Band Booster Meeting-Band Room 7:00
Mar. 24 Oak/PE 5th/6th Gr. Choir Concert @ PE
Mar. 25 Prof/Dev Waiver Day-**NO SCHOOL**
Mar. 25 Middle School Spring Pictures
Mar. 26 Oak/PE 5th/6th Gr Ch. Concert @ Oak
Mar. 27 Oakwood El. Kdg. Family Reading Day
Mar. 27-28 *The Nit Wits* Spring Play-Aud. 8:00
Mar. 28 FFA State Skills Contest-Columbus
Mar. 31 Oakwood El. Kindergarten Camp
Mar. 31 County Battle/Books Competition 12:30
Apr. 4 OakEl PTO Carnival 4:30-7:00p
Apr. 4 FFA Banquet-Auditeria 5:00

LATTA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ADDRESS TO THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after President Obama's address to the joint session of Congress this evening.

"President Obama's address to Congress and our nation tonight provided a sober reminder of the struggles we face as a nation. However, President Obama relied on tired rhetoric of pointing fingers of blame on past administrations and fixing the problems we struggle with by introducing massive government spending, oversight, and regulation.

Unfortunately, President Obama's proposed tax and spend policy outlined tonight will only send our nation further into debt and do nothing to correct the recession we are facing right now. During last week's recess, I met with over 170 constituents at local courthouse conferences one on one, and they made it very clear that they do not support these massive spending bills, whether it was the so-called "stimulus" package or the financial market bailout.

President Obama proposed billions more in spending this evening, financed by tax increases, with no guarantee to American taxpayers that these plans will work.

Since January, House Republicans have offered common-sense, viable alternatives to the stimulus package and other pieces of legislation. House Republicans introduced legislation that would provide twice as

many jobs, along with much needed unemployment benefits, for half the cost of the so-called "stimulus" package. House Republicans also included a provision that would eliminate the current income tax on those unemployment benefits. Tax cuts provide an immediate boost to our economy, putting money back in the hands of the taxpayers where it belongs. Additionally, we included provisions for small businesses that would cut their taxes, provide incentives to hire more employees, and free-up necessary capital funds. These actions, not pork-barrel spending, will immediately stimulate the economy and put our neighbors back to work. Our plan allows the market to correct itself without government interference or wasteful spending.

Unfortunately, the Administration and Democrat Congressional Leadership chose not to include any provisions of our legislation or include our members in Conference Committee. As President Obama repeated a new era of bipartisanship in Washington this evening, it is my hope that he and the Democrat Congressional Leadership take those words to heart as we debate future legislation.

As we move forward, House Republicans are dedicated to working with the President and the Democrat Congressional Leadership to bring our country out of this recession and tackle the other problems facing our nation. I personally believe America's best days are ahead of Her and I look forward to spirited debate to do what is best for our Nation."

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER STUDENTS ENTERTAIN PRESCHOOLERS



Vantage Ag Diesel senior Rustin Adam from Crestview, holds a baby lamb for the preschoolers during the FFA Week Petting Zoo sponsored by the Vantage FFA Chapter.



Vantage junior Early Childhood Education students Avery Etzler (left) and Paige Kittle (right), both from Lincolnview, join preschoolers as they see what it's like to sit in a tractor! The preschoolers are (from the bottom up) Jaden Hubble, Jaden Kohnen, Kourtney Kohnen, and Abbigale Phillips.

FOR TEEN TECH WEEK, PRESS PLAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

Celebrate Teen Tech Week with the Defiance County Library System, March 8-14. This year's Teen Tech Week theme is "Press Play @ Your Library." And that's just what we hope you'll do, so come on out and press play at the Defiance Public Library, the Johnson Memorial Library, and the Sherwood Branch Library.

All of the Teen Tech Week programs are free and are open to middle school and high school students. So kick off Teen Tech Week with Journal-Making Night at the Sherwood Branch Library on Monday, March 9 at 4:00 p.m. All of the supplies and several patterns will be available, so just pick your favorite and learn how to make and bind your own personal journal.

Then head on out to Hicksville and join our gamers on March 9 at the Johnson Memorial Library at 4:00 p.m. for a night of Magic: The Gathering. There will be the opportunity to play and challenge several opponents to this daring, fantasy card game.

Followed by Press Play & Tune In with WDFM's Rick Small on Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Defiance Public Library. Rick will share his radio experiences and suggest ways to get into radio and other communications careers.

On Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m., learn Sign Language with Halie and Susan Gonwick at the Johnson Memorial Library. This program is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center and is open to everyone. The Gonwicks will be providing a basic overview of sign language and will encourage all

participants to learn a few letters and words.

On Wednesday, March 11 from 3-6:30 p.m., join middle school and high school students at the Defiance Public Library for a Teen Journal-Making Day. Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris will walk them through the construction and journal binding process. All supplies will be provided by the library.

On Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting a teen HIX-TV camera taping training. Station manager Josh Graves will teach everyone how to use the camera and will give an overview on editing. If you are interested in taping segments for HIX-TV or for volunteering at the station, please plan on attending this evening training.

On Friday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m., join gamers for a twice monthly fantasy role playing game group at the Johnson Memorial Library. Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris facilitates the adventures, and refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

During Teen Tech Week, the Defiance Public Library will also unveil its new social networking pages on My Space, Twitter, and Facebook. To check out the new pages, log onto www.defiancelibrary.org and follow the links to the social networking sites.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on the Teen Tech Week Programs, please call or email the Sherwood Branch Library at 419-899-4343 or hulla@oplin.org, the Defiance Public Library at 419-782-1456 or smallst@oplin.org, or the Johnson Memorial Library in Hicksville at 419-542-6200 or murphyam@oplin.org.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/4 THROUGH 3/10

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 3/4 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 3/5 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 3/6 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
 3/9 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 3/10 - Scrambled eggs, sausage patty biscuit, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
 3/4 - Pepperoni pizza or corn dog, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 3/5 - Chili soup, cheese bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

3/6 - Cheeseburger w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 3/9 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or grilled chicken w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 3/10 - Southwest chicken salad, churro, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

3/4 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/5 - Poptart, juice, milk
 3/6 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/9 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/10 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:

3/4 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 3/5 - Corn dogs, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
 3/6 - Toasted cheese sandwich, peas, assorted fruit, milk

3/9 - Sloppy joe w/bun, sweet potato fries, assorted fruit, milk
 3/10 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

3/4 - Coco roos cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/5 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish, cinnamon graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/6 - Assorted breakfast, fruit, milk
 3/9 - Waffle, mini sausage, juice, milk
 3/10 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:

3/4 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 3/5 - Chicken or pepperoni pizza, corn, applesauce, peanut butter fudge, milk
 3/9 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, corn, peaches, milk
 3/10 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, pears, milk

- Lunch:
 3/4 - Soft taco w/lettuce & cheese, assorted fruit, milk
 3/5 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 3/6 - Cheese filled bread stick w/sauce, lettuce salad, assorted fruit, milk
 3/9 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit cup, milk
 3/10 - Curly spaghetti w/sauce, bread, toss salad, assorted fruit, milk

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/4 THROUGH 3/10

Breakfast:
 3/4 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 3/5 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 3/6 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 3/9 - Pizza, juice, milk
 3/10 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:
 3/4 - Mac/cheese, peanut butter sandwich, celery/carrot sticks/dip, juice bar, milk
 3/5 - Chicken nuggets, Raider tators, sherbet, cookie, milk
 3/6 - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, corn, applesauce, peanut butter fudge, milk
 3/9 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, corn, peaches, milk
 3/10 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, pears, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/4 THROUGH 3/10

3/4 - Meatball sub or popcorn chicken, french fries, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fruit cup
 3/5 - Breaded chicken or sloppy joe on bun, mixed veggies, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cake
 3/6 - Cheese pizza or chicken salad sandwich, cole slaw, rosey applesauce, chips, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
 3/9 - Ham and cheese or pork fritter on bun, cooked carrots, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fruit cup
 3/10 - Hot dog on bun or burrito, green beans, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pretzel w/cheese

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TAYLOR FRIES SELECTED FOR FRANKLIN B. WALTER ALL-SCHOLASTIC AWARD

Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Coordinator of Gifted Education, is pleased to announce that Taylor Fries, a senior at Lincolnview High School, has been selected as the Van Wert County recipient of the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award. The annual award was established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents to recognize and promote student achievement and academic accomplishment. Only one senior from each county within the state receives this annual honor.

Taylor is the daughter of Doug and Tina Fries of Van Wert. Currently ranked first in her class, she plans to attend Wright State University in Dayton, majoring in Mathematics Education. Miss Fries and her parents will be honored at a luncheon at the Ohio Educational Service Center Association's Conference in Columbus on April 22, 2009. She will also receive a book scholarship from the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center.

The award bears the name of Dr. Franklin B. Walter, who served as State Superintendent from 1977-1991. During his tenure, Dr. Walter worked with three governors, significantly improved public education in the state, and brought Ohio's schools to the forefront of the nation's atten-

tion. He has received numerous honors and has earned the respect and admiration of educators nationwide. His integrity, leadership, optimism and commitment serves as an example for all.

V.E.T.S. "NEW TO YOU" SALE A SHINING SUCCESS

Due to the wonderful outpouring from our community, we had a very successful jewelry sale Saturday at the basketball tournament held at the school. The amazing amount of donated jewelry and miscellaneous cosmetic items gave us a profit of \$849.50 to add to our funds for the memorial.

We have a variety of fundraisers in the planning stage for the coming year which include a charter bus trip on May 30 to Wright Patterson Air Force Base. This was very popular last year and we have been asked by many to go again. Flyers and ads will soon be appearing with details. Sign up early!!

Now for some random names we have received documentation for:

Jack P. Brown, John H. Mooney, Harmon S. Van-Horn, Tammy C. Goudy, Michael A. McKeever, Michael D. Kemerer, Walter N. Hart, Ted E. Davis, Melvin B. Billman, Ralph N. Whitehouse, Russell L. Schmunk, Bert J. Kauffman, Estell E. Kauffman

Please remember, if you have not given us your documentation, do not assume we have your name. We are doing our best to get every name we can, but we do not want to miss you. Our mailing address is: Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial, PO Box 742, Antwerp OH, 45813

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WRIGHT PATTERSON Air-Force Museum & The GREENE in Dayton. Saturday May 30th. Cost: \$40 per reservation. Bus leaves Antwerp School @ 6:45 AM. Proceeds to Antwerp Veterans Memorial. Make check to Sue Beck. Mail to V.E.T.S., P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813 Questions? (419) 399-5764. 9-12

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTS THE ONLINE SNACKWISE® NUTRITION RATING SYSTEM

Paulding Exempted Village Schools is committed to promoting a healthy nutrition environment at school where students can choose healthier snacks. As a part of that commitment, PEVS has implemented the online Snackwise® Nutrition Rating system, www.Snackwise.org.

Developed by the Center for Healthy Weight and Nutrition at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, Snackwise® is based on the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Snackwise® measures the nutrient density of snack foods, so you and your kids can make healthier snack choices. Snackwise® distinguishes itself from most nutrition rating systems as it not only considers calories, sugar, sodium and fat, but also ensures that snack foods contain desirable nutrients like protein, fiber, calcium and other key nutrients that are needed in the diet.

A nutrition calculator evaluates the nutritional quality of a snack food for eleven weighted nutrition parameters, and color-coded symbols identify healthier snack choices:

Green - Best Choice; Yellow - Choose Occasionally; Red - Choose Rarely

"With more than 30 percent of students' calories coming from snacks, it is important to promote snack choices that contribute to a well-balanced diet," said Chris Slatery, director of food services. "At PEVS Snackwise® is helping make our campus a healthy nutrition environment through the promotion of healthier snack choices."

Healthy snacks should be promoted in all environments. When chosen properly, snacks provide children and adults with the nutrients needed to support a well-balanced diet and healthy eating habits for a lifetime. Snackwise® is a tremendous

resource for any organization or individual interested in making healthier snack choices.

Benefits of the online Snackwise® subscription include up-to-date nutritional data for hundreds of vended snacks (an ongoing process as new products are added all the time); access to experts and updates about new vending options and legislative changes; and knowledge about the nutritional value of snack foods - something that will benefit them their entire lives.

To learn more about how Snackwise® promotes healthier snack choices, visit www.Snackwise.org.

WOODBURN BRANCH OF THE ACPL MARCH HAPPENINGS

Smart Start Storytime

Fridays - March 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 a.m. - Each program features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Yarn Lover's Gathering

Thursdays - March 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 p.m. - If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

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Monday, March 9, 3:30 p.m. - Young Adults. Use picture morphing sites for fun. Transfer your own digital photos or take photos here and see what celebrities you closely resemble, or morph two celebs to create their mix.

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RESEARCH SHOWS EXERCISE KEEPS MONEY IN YOUR WALLET AND OTHER GREAT REASONS TO HEAD TO THE GYM

In today's uncertain economy, families are looking to cut back on any expenses that seem like a luxury or even the slightest bit frivolous. One of the items receiving scrutiny in many households—and in the media—is gym memberships. Yet a growing body of evidence suggests that cutting that gym membership may be exactly the wrong move for even the most cash-strapped family.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, inactive adults have significantly higher direct medical costs than active adults, and the costs associated with physical inactivity increase with age.

"To put it in perspective," said Jerrica Steffens, owner of the Curves women's fitness center in Hicksville, "for every dollar you spend on wellness, you save as much as five dollars on illness."

Curves has partnered with major health insurance and third party providers—including Healthways SilverSneakers, AARP, and Blue Cross Blue Shield—who see huge financial benefits in wellness programs and offer reimbursements and incentives on Curves gym memberships to their plan members.

For example, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota recently completed a landmark study that found that people who went to the gym at least eight times a month had significantly lower healthcare costs than those who did not. These frequent gym attendees had:

- 39 percent fewer visits to the Emergency Room
- 41 percent fewer hospital admissions
- 18 percent lower overall claims costs

In an era where many have no health insurance at all and those who do have higher co-pays, a gym membership may be the most affordable way to keep healthcare dollars in consumers' pockets. This will become even more important in the near future, according to researcher IBISWorld: As

baby boomers pass through their 40s and 50s, healthcare costs are forecast to rise dramatically.

Everyone knows that the human body thrives on regular exercise, and that staying fit and maintaining a healthy weight can contribute to significantly reduced risks for various cancers (by as much as 60 percent!), diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and many other debilitating conditions. Here are some other great reasons to head to the gym:

Exercising with others can "greatly improve your exercise adherence". It's much easier to stick to an exercise program when you have accountability—from trainers and coaches, friends, or both. (University of Georgia Department of Kinesiology and Health)

Exercise is like Miracle-Gro for your brain and can make you smarter by releasing chemicals that cause neurons to branch and connect in new ways. New junctions between neurons are the basis of learning. (Kristin R. Wehner Keffeler, Entrepreneur.com)

Exercise may make you a better worker—by as much as 15 percent according to a study presented to the American College of Sports Medicine—and enhances time-management skills, mental performance, ability to meet deadlines, mood, and interactions with co-workers. (MSNBC.com)

Exercise directly reduces stress by decreasing the production of stress hormones and increasing the production of endorphins—your brain's "feel good" neurotransmitters. (MayoClinic.com)

Exercise pays you back double: Each hour of exercise adds two to your life. (Harvard Alumni Study)

"The research is clear: Exercising regularly and maintaining a healthy weight can save not only your life but your money as well," said Jerrica Steffens. "Your health is your most precious asset, and not taking care of it is going to cost you more in the long run."

For more information, contact Jerrica Steffens at 419-542-7400 or hicksvillecurves@yahoo.com.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": REPRESENTATIVE WACHTMANN VISITS VANTAGE



Ohio House Representative Lynn Wachtmann stops by the junior Electricity lab during his visit to Vantage Career Center. Junior instructor Kent Taylor and Tyler Dirham from Van Wert demonstrate Industrial Motor Controls.



Vantage welcomes three special guests - Pictured (front, left to right) Vantage Superintendent Staci Kaufman, Adult Education Director, Jim Grant, Ohio Department of Development representative, Rebecca Gray and Vantage student ambassador, Samantha Wiswell (Wayne Trace). (Back) Van Wert Economic Development Director, Nancy Bowen, Ohio House Representative, Lynn Wachtmann and Vantage student ambassador, Cody Butler (Crestview).

Ohio House Representative Lynn Wachtmann visited Vantage Career Center on Monday, February 23. Joining him for lunch and a tour of the school were Van Wert Economic Development Director Nancy Bowen and Rebecca Gray from the Ohio Department of Development along with Vantage superintendent Staci Kaufman and Adult Workforce Development Director, Jim Grant.

Vantage students Samantha Wiswell, a Wayne Trace senior in the Network Systems program and Cody Butler, a Crestview senior in the Precision Machining program spent time with the guests and discussed their upcoming senior projects and their

plans for the future before discussing their individual programs in-depth.

Vantage Superintendent Staci Kaufman said, "We appreciate the support of our local legislators and are particularly pleased that Representative Wachtmann took the time to tour our school. He has a personal experience with Career Technical Education. He was an Electricity student at Four County and also had a child in the Health Careers program at Four County Career Center."

His visit began with a delicious lunch prepared and served by senior Culinary Arts students in the Cup and Saucer Restaurant before touring the labs.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 2/23/09

This 23rd day of February, 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 155749 through 155905 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. Adopted on February 23, 2009.

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

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

- DenHerder Funeral Home, \$275.00
- Ohio State Coroner Assn., \$1,004.00
- Office Partners, \$181.36
- Office Partners, \$264.32
- Barrett Brothers, \$315.00

- Ellen Schlegel, \$169.40
- Smith-Boughan Services, \$6,061.00
- Smith-Boughan Services, \$4,756.00
- Ohio Dept of JFS, \$4,558.82
- Millcreek Inc., \$109.00
- Best One Tire & Service, \$1,328.00
- Cintas, \$338.45
- Duthler Truck Center, \$319.87
- Miami Valley International Trucks, \$72,850.00
- Card Center, \$780.35
- Adriel School Inc., \$4,900.48
- Gary & Julie Porter, \$1,232.00
- Melrose Village, \$5,400.00
- Ladies' Auxiliary VFW, \$450.00
- Marathon, \$227.40
- Windstream, \$135.28
- Todd Wolfrum, \$130.00
- Proclaim Plus, \$7,133.83
- Office Equipment Finance, \$724.74
- Behavioral Interventions, \$110.40

Adopted on February 23, 2009.

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

- Erwin Bandy, \$770.00
- Brenda Crawford, \$168.85
- Thomas Townley, \$105.00
- Office Partners, \$279.80
- Galls, \$413.62
- Family Caring Clinic, \$117.00

Adopted on February 23, 2009.

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

- WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on February 17, 2009:
- Arend Enterprises, \$493.75
- ISSG, Inc, \$750.00
- Paulding Progress, \$126.00
- Defiance Co. Juvenile, \$2,976.00
- Steve Sprow, \$395.00
- NAPA, \$981.44
- Foundation for Living, \$12,505.00
- Inner Peace Homes, \$2,077.00
- American Electric Power, \$701.60
- SAFY of Ohio, \$8,335.26
- Paulding Co. Commissioners, \$900.00
- Paulding Co. Economic Development, \$10,334.36
- Proclaim Plus, \$10,948.91
- Proclaim Plus, \$13,978.25
- The Ohio State University Ext., \$7,500.00

Adopted on February 23, 2009.

**Meeting Notes Of Ap-
pointments:**

Ann Waldman - Ms. Waldman met briefly with the Commissioners to update them on the status of the Title Office move. She confirmed the state will be here on Sat-

urday, February 28, to move the computer equipment.

Lou Ann Wannemacher - Ms. Wannemacher provided the sales tax reports for the Audit Committee meeting to be held Wednesday, February 25. Sales tax received in February, 2009, (from sales in December, 2008) were down from January totals.

Steve Sukop, Charlie Simpson, Jim Stoller, Keith Wiesehan, and Bill Beckman - Members of the Soil and Water Conservation District and the agency's director met with the Commissioners. Discussion centered around budget cuts and the strain on the agency.

Mr. Winans - Mr. Winans met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the joint Auglaize sewer project with Defiance County. The Commissioners explained the progress on this \$7.7 million project. Ohio EPA will expect progress reports on this project. Commissioner Burkley further explained that applications have been sent for grants to help fund the project. The land for the shared lagoon has been acquired. The project is in its beginning stages.

Amanda Lichty, Dog Warden - Ms. Lichty met with the Commissioners to inform them she had been in an accident in the truck. She will notify the insurance agent and take the truck in for estimates.

Deb Gerken and Charlotte Price, NOCAC - Ms. Gerken announced the retirement of Ms. Price in December, 2009. Ms. Gerken reminded the Commissioners that NOCAC started area senior centers years ago and continues to administer the Paulding County Senior Center. She briefly explained some of the many grants they secure to help operate the county's senior center. The Commissioners wished Ms. Price well in her future retirement plans.

Summer Ball Registration

Grover Hill Ball Association will be holding summer ball sign up.

Sign up will be:
 March 11 7pm-8:30pm • March 14 9am-10:30am
 March 18 7pm-8:30pm • March 21 9am-10:30am

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