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GOVERNOR STRICKLAND VISITS COOPER FARMS

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs visited Cooper Farms Cooked Meats on Thursday evening. The visit was part of a two-day agricultural tour in Northwest Ohio, visiting a variety of industry businesses and farms. "I'm spending two days visiting farms with Director (Robert) Boggs from our Department of Agriculture," Strickland said. "I'm doing it because agriculture is so important to Ohio's economy. Agriculture is Ohio's largest single industry. It employs more Ohioans than any other industry. It's important that the Governor's office and ODA know and see what's going on in agriculture."

Gary Cooper, COO, Dale Hart, Director of Food Processing and Greg Cooper, Cooked Meats Plant Manager, were all on hand from Cooper Farms to greet the Governor upon his arrival. After introductions, the

Governor and Director were shown a short video explaining the breadth of Cooper Farms, which has four divisions and produces turkey products from farm to table. Over the past year, Cooper Farms has actually added nearly 50 jobs through their four divisions. They currently employ 1,400 team members and about 300 family farmers work with Cooper Farms to raise their turkeys, hogs and chickens.

After the video, Gary Cooper and Strickland had a candid discussion about the Animal Care Standards Board (the board) and other topics. Cooper expressed his concern about out-of-state special interest groups, namely HSUS. He feels that Ohioans should have a chance to set their own standards first. Strickland ensured Cooper that he agrees with him, which is why he and Boggs have both backed the board from day one.

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APRIL 5TH IS VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. All people who are not registered to vote and wish to vote in the upcoming Primary Election on Tuesday, May 4th, must register by Monday, April 5th, at the Board of Elections; (or you may register to vote at an office of any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles; public libraries; public high schools or vocational schools; County Treasurer's Office; Office of Secretary of State or any of the 88 county Boards of Elections). Normal office hours for the Paulding County Board of Elections office are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Additionally, the office hours for Monday, April 5th (voter registration deadline) will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00-9:00 pm. The office will be open on Good Friday, April 2nd, from 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The office will be open on Good Friday, April 2nd, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Have you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted? If so, you should notify the Board of

Elections by Monday, April 5th. Persons not certain of their registration validity may phone the Board of Elections office at 419-399-8230, write, email, or stop in the office at 105 E. Perry St. in Paulding.

Should you wish to register at the Paulding County Bureau of Motor Vehicles which is located at 831 North Williams Street, Paulding, the office hours are Monday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

You are qualified to vote if: you are a citizen of the United States; you will be at least 18 years old on or before May 4th; you will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote; you are not incarcerated (in prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state or the United States; you have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court; you have not been permanently disfranchised for violations of the election laws.

If you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections or e-mail us at paulding@sos.state.oh.us with any other questions.

LYTLE - ALVAREZ



Lonnie and Roxana Lytle of Grover Hill announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Allyssa Kay, to Nicholas Gale Alvarez, son of Bob and Sue Alvarez, Sherwood.

The bride-elect received her bachelor's degree in education from Capital University, Columbus. She is em-

ployed by Hicksville Middle School. Her fiance received his bachelor's degree in education from Defiance College. He is employed by Paulding Elementary School.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, June 26, 2010 in Antwerp United Methodist Church.

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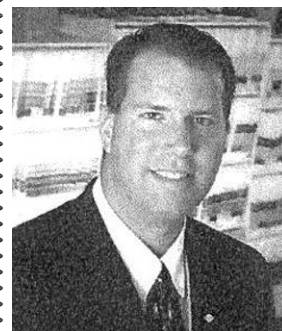
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Billie F. Webster Sr., 69, of Paulding died Friday, March 19, 2010 at St Vincent Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio.

He was born September 10, 1940 in Hampshire, Tennessee the son of Waldo Webster and Sammie Dot Yarbrough Jordan. On April 7, 1996 he married Dionicia R. Dunakin, who survives.

He was a millwright at GM Powertrain of Defiance, Ohio, retiring in 2009 after 45 years of service. He was a member of UAW 211.

Surviving: his wife, Dionicia of Paulding; five sons: Cassius (Victoria) Webster of Mt. Morris, MI, Steven (Melissa) Davenport of Paulding, Keith Webster of Lima, Eric (Dawn) Davenport of Columbus, Daniel Sparkman of Lima; two step-sons: Brandon and Michael Schlueter both of Paulding, Ohio. one adopted son: Ashton "Packy" Webster of Lima; one daughter, Michele Webster of Lima;

one adopted daughter, Lena Elaine (Michael) Springer of Lima; many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; two brothers: William (Sue) Jordan of Lima, and Kenneth (Lena) Jordan of Flint, MI; four sisters: Carrie Dansby, Debra (Myles) Smith, and Joyce Jordan all of Lima, and Annis (Harry) Washington of California.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rev. Billie Webster Jr.; and one brother, Lewis Webster.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2010 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding Ohio. Calling at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding Ohio on Wednesday, March 25, 2010 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and one hour before services on Thursday morning.

Memorials to: American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Johnny L. Coyle, 57, of East Alton, IL passed away Monday, March 15, 2010 at Alton Memorial Hospital in Illinois. A man who adored his grandchildren and step-grandchildren will be greatly missed by them and by his family, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Born June 16, 1952 in Logan County, West Virginia, he was the son of Richard and Mavis (Cassidy) Coyle. He married Mary A. Williams in Wood River on December 30, 1993 and she survives in East

Alton, IL.

Also surviving are two step-daughters: Toni Gambelin of Rosewood Heights, IL and Sarah (Chad) McCoy of Wood River, IL; two step-sons: Derek Winship of East Alton, IL and Jason (Jamie) Winship of Rosewood Heights, IL; six step-grandchildren: David Hall, Tiffani, Erin and Kristen Gamblin, and Luke and Josi McCoy; and a brother, John (Nancy) Terrill of Rolla, MO.

Mr. Coyle retired in November of 2007 after working as a laborer for Federal Steel for eight years and as a tanker for Adams Land Marine for 10 years.

Services were held at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood. Burial followed in Sherman Cemetery in Oakwood, OH. Memorials may be made to BJC Hospice, One Memorial Drive, Alton, IL 62002. Condolences can be sent to www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com.

THE TWO RELIGIONS

By: Pastor Drew A. Gardner, Emmanuel Baptist Church

One of my favorite books is a little book called "done." In this book, the author makes the shocking statement that there are only two religions in the world. After grabbing everyone's attention with that unconventional statement, the author goes on to say that the two religions he is referring to are actually systems of religions. There are "do" religions and there is a "done" religion.

The "do" religions all teach that you must do something to gain the approval of God and earn entrance into heaven. Within this do category, every religion or denomination has a different list of "dos" and/or "don'ts." For some, the list is religious: join the church, get baptized, get confirmed, give money to the church, keep the sacraments. For others, the list is more general: be good, be nice, make sure your good outweighs your bad. For still others, the list is more extreme or even bizarre: shave your head, take literature door-to-door, sell flowers at the airport, mutilate yourself, sacrifice animals. But the bottom line is the same—make sure that you've performed everything on the list or you will not have earned God's forgiveness.

Then there's the religion of the Bible—the "done" religion. The religion of the Bible says that there is nothing I can do to earn God's favor. "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away," Isaiah 64:6. Because you are a sinner, you are separated from God. God says in this verse in Isaiah that even your best efforts are not enough to make up for your sin. There is nothing you can do to earn His favor. That's the bad news.

But the good news is, the religion of the Bible says that everything necessary to pay for your sin and restore you to God has already been done! When Jesus was hanging on the cross about to die, He said, "It is finished." (John 19:30) That phrase is literally an accounting term meaning "paid in full." You deserved to die and go to hell because of your sin, but Jesus paid the

penalty for your sin by dying for you. It's like you were standing in the courtroom as a condemned criminal, waiting for the judge to pass sentence upon you, and Jesus stepped up and said, "I'll pay his fine." If you accept His payment in your place, the judge is satisfied and will let you go free.

As we prepare for Easter, it's also interesting to remember what happened at the temple—the building symbolic of God's presence—immediately after Jesus died on the cross. When Jesus died, the huge curtain (veil) that separated the most sacred part of the temple where God was said to reside from the part where people were allowed to go was miraculously torn in two from top to bottom, throwing open the sacred place for all to see. Suddenly, it was as if whatever separated man from God was now completely removed, and God was inviting all humankind to come directly to him. It was God saying to the whole human race, "Done!" Done says "there is nothing more to do; there is nothing more that can be done." The price is paid. The debt is forgiven. The atonement is complete. If you try to earn it, work for it, or do something to get it, you're wasting your time and you are insulting God by trying to pay for the gift that He has already paid for. It's already done! Or, in the words of Jesus on the cross, "It is finished!"

Now I know what some of you are going to say, "That's just your interpretation of the Bible. Other people have read the Bible and come up with things that we need to do to be saved." Fair enough. So let me just quote some passages of the Bible for you and let you decide whether the religion of the Bible is a "do" religion or the "done" religion.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8-9.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..." Titus 3:5.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified," Galatians 2:16.

"I do not frustrate the grace of God for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain," Galatians 2:21.

"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for the just shall live by faith," Galatians 3:11.

What do you think the Bible is teaching? "Do" or "done"? Next week, I'll pick this discussion back up where I left off and conclude by discussing how you can receive the benefit of what Christ has already done in your own life.

If you have any questions about what I've covered so far, or would like a free copy of the book, "done," please call our church at (419) 399-5061, or email us through our website at www.ebc-paulding.org at the "Contact Us" tab at the top of the page.

God bless.

LATTY FRIENDS UMC EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter Sunrise Service: will be Sunday, April 4th at 7:00 a.m. at Latty Friends United Methodist Church 331 Lewis Street, Latty, Ohio. Breakfast will follow at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome!

—Pastor Ron Johnson

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING

The Village of Antwerp Council will hold their March meeting on Thursday, March 25th, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

THE BIBLE SAYS: AND JESUS SAYS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In Acts chapter 2, Peter and the other eleven apostles stood up and preached the first Gospel sermon. What did the apostles preach? Please read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, and Paul tells us in verse 3

that Christ died, and then verse 4, Paul says Christ was buried and then rose again, or resurrected. This is what Peter is preaching in Acts 2:14-41, death, burial, resurrection of Jesus. Notice in Acts 2:38 what Peter is saying to believe, am I wrong by saying that terrible word no one wants to hear which is baptism for the remission of sin? Remission means that they will have forgiveness of their sins. Notice Acts 2:41, it says about 3,000 baptized souls were added unto them. The question I must ask is if grace only or faith only saves, why did Peter tell them to be baptized after they believed? Sure seems unusual that the Bible doesn't mention anyone being saved by grace or faith only? Why do you think that is?

Now, let us go to Acts 8:5-13. In Acts 8:5 we are told that Phillip went down to Samaria and preached Christ unto them. Notice in verse 12 it says men and women were baptized. Also in verse 13 Simon believed and was baptized. Notice in verse 12 and

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13, in each of these verses the word believed is used, meaning they had faith, but also notice it wasn't until they were baptized, that they had salvation.

Loved ones, Jesus gave each Christian, a command in Matthew 28:18-20. Notice in Matthew 28:19 what Jesus told the apostles. Teach all nations, and then those who believe or have faith must be baptized, in the name of (by the authority of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Also in Mark 16:16 Jesus tells us to be baptized after believing.

Back to the Book of Acts 8:26-39. Notice in verse 35 that Phillip preached Jesus unto the eunuch from the Old Testament book of Isaiah 53:1-12, about Jesus. This is what these verses are talking about. Notice what the eunuch asked Phillip in verse 36, "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" What did Phillip tell the eunuch in verse 37, doesn't it say, if thou believe with all thy heart and in verse 38, they both went down into the water and Phillip did what? There's that word again that most people don't want to hear—he baptized him. Notice he believed or had faith and then was baptized. I would encourage you to study Acts chapter 9 about Paul, whose name was Saul at this time, Saul is his Hebrew name, Paul his Greek name. In Acts 9:18, Saul was baptized and in Acts 22:16, Paul was telling the Jews about his salvation that he was told by Ananias to arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins.

Also read Acts 10 about Cornelius and his salvation. Cornelius was baptized according to Acts 10:47-48. I

would like to say this about Acts 16:30, the jailer asked Paul and Silas, what must I do to be saved? Now notice what happens in Acts 16:32-33. In verse 30, the Jailer believed, in verse 32, the word of the Lord was spoken unto them, and verse 33 shows they were baptized.

What does Jesus say about baptism? Read John 3:4-5. Jesus says to Nicodemus in verse 5, that except a man be born of water (speaking of baptism) and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Going back to Mark 16:16, it says, "He that believeth, and is baptized shall be saved." Please read the rest of the verse. Here again believeth is first and then baptism. These words: believeth and baptisms are commandments from Jesus, and Jesus tells us we cannot enter Heaven if we don't keep these commandments.

Loved ones, I will teach the Gospel the way Jesus said to teach it, Matthew 28:19. Back in Jesus' time, they ridiculed and taunted Him and called Him false teacher! So if you cannot comprehend this truth, then say whatever you may, for this makes my faith in Jesus grow stronger. Because some people would rather teach a lie than truth, 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

If you have Bible questions call 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or 419-393-4775 for James Potter. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Please remember to study the Bible and pray. Give God a part of your day. Oh, before I forget, this is what Jesus says, and I am in complete agreement with Jesus.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Henry Ward Beecher was a preacher in Brooklyn. Once in a while a certain member of his congregation would approach him and say, "I counted your mistakes in English today and you had 20."

Dr. Beecher would smile and reply, "Oh, I don't know. I bet you I made a least 40!" Then Beecher would laugh and give the man a warm handshake.

During that same time there was a young lad named Michael who would sit in the back pew and listen to the great preacher.

Michael was an immigrant boy and had not been long in the United States. He would sit and listen and marvel about the truths shared by this wonderful man of God.

Later, Michael grew up to be Dr. Michael Pupin, professor at Columbia University and noted inventor. When asked of the reason for his drive and desire to succeed, he said, "You know when I was a boy, I was lonesome and trying to find my way."

And then Dr. Pupin made this statement: "But nothing so inspired, stimulated and blessed me more than those sermons of Dr. Henry Ward Beecher."

Interesting, one listener found grammatical mistakes and one youngster found help. All determined by what they were looking for. What are you looking for?

Is your goal always to be right on everything? Is it always to have your own way, always to criticize what others do, always to insist on things going according to your agenda? Or is your goal, rather, always to be teachable, always to look at people, circumstances, and situations, and ask "Lord, what would you have me to learn through this?" Far too many of us would just as soon be negative and critical, as teachable and flexible.

I'll make a deal with you.

Let's both determine to cut others a little more slack and give a little more of the benefit of the doubt. And let's also try to discover what God is trying to develop in our lives.

You'll get what you look for. Ask Dr. Michael Pupin.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of you who supported us through your prayers, thoughts and deeds that helped us through-out the stressful time of losing our mother.

Special thank- you to the ladies of The Kingdom Hall for the kindness and meals. Thank-you, also to the American Legion for the use of your building.

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Steve Johnston, a retired disabled Air Force Vet and a father of 3, is Los Gallitos new BBQ Master. He is from McComb, Mississippi and has over 30 years experience as a grill master. He operated Bubba's BBQ in Jackson, Mississippi for 10 years, cooking southern style BBQ. He grills BBQ chicken, ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers and brats on the 14' grill. Sides are also provided. Steve uses hickory and charcoal, slow cooked for maximum flavor, you will not be disappointed.

Steve will be barbecuing in front of Los Gallitos, Sunday, March 28. Look for the ad in this week's WBN.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Zimmerman Wells

Paulding County in the Civil War

Six companies were organized in Paulding County with many of its citizens enlisted in other regiments of the state so that at one time during the war there were hardly any men in the county. Paulding County had over 2,200 men serve in the Civil War with over 900 buried within the county lines. There are also Confederate soldiers buried in Paulding County that became respected citizens after the war. Antwerp Veteran's Park Cemetery has a special Memorial circle of Civil War stones as many of our towns probably do. In Carryall Twp. up a long lane is a country cemetery, Clark Cemetery. In the spring there is a lot of irises that bloom everywhere and ivy. At one time it was a busy place. There are vets buried there and as an old farmer recently told my daughter, "I remember when there were services back there with guns going off for the veterans."

Paulding County did not have any soldiers that died at Gettysburg, but there were many more who gave their honorable service there and at many other battle stations and places of military need. There are lots of soldiers who moved away from this county after the war and therefore are not buried in their home county cemeteries. Of the 35,457 Ohio soldiers that died, 21,721 died of disease (more than any other cause); 6,835 died in battle, 4,753 died of battle wounds, and 784 died of drowning. Other miscellaneous deaths were accidental deaths from other causes.

Paulding soldiers stood by - Gettysburg was the only battle of the Civil War to be fought on Northern soil and the largest ever to be fought in the Western Hemisphere. More than 100,000 soldiers clashed for three days in July, leaving thousands dead and the Confederacy all but lost. The battlefield was dedicated as a national cemetery the following November. Lincoln's remarks took just under just three minutes and most newspapers of the time thought it was a failure, as did Lincoln himself when he gave The Gettysburg Address (Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth to this continent...).

Surviving amputations was a miracle without the wonder drugs that we have today. Piles of amputated limbs were said to be seen beside makeshift hospitals at battlefields such as Gettysburg. Being the first week in July, the stench was terrible with the unburied dead horses and men. Some of the wounded men laid in the water and drowned after it rained or just plain died of their wounds after two or three days of never having any care at all.

However, this was the first time that 'ambulances' did come onto a battlefield to pick up some of the wounded. Many bodies still carried in their pockets pictures of their wives, children and sweethearts. Trinkets like gold lockets with hair in them and worn letters from home were also found. All of these conditions make a sad history to trace using family records, census records and military

records. Computer records from the National Archives make it easier to obtain the military battle records and the mortality lists as well as surrounding state records.

The first recruits from Paulding County were called to Antwerp on April 22, 1861. This was to make up a call forming Co. G of the 14th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The commissioned officers were: John S. Snook, Captain; Alfred M. Russel, 1st Lieutenant; and John Crosson, 2nd Lieutenant. Joining the Regiment at Toledo and Camp Taylor it was sent to Cleveland and then on with General Geo. B. McClellan's next battle on Southern soil at Parkersburg, Virginia on June 2, 1861.

Colonel John S. Snook was killed at Champion Hill, Mississippi on May 16, 1863. he was 46 years old when he was commissioned a major to serve on the Field and Staff of the 68th Regiment. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel on July 5, 1862. John S. Snook became the highest ranking officer from Paulding County to die during America's Civil War. He is buried in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Section O. grave 61.

Co. C of the 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry was formed on November 25, 1861, in Antwerp, Ohio. The Co. mustered in at Camp Latty, Napoleon, Ohio. Co. 1 of the 100th Ohio Volunteer Infantry was raised in Antwerp, August 1862 and mustered at Camp Toledo.

Served in Co. B 46th O.V.I., youngest veteran in the war at age 13 was Francis DeWitt. He also served with Co. C 121st O.V.I. After the war he practiced law and was admitted to the bar in 1875. In 1891 he was nominated by the Republican Party convention of Paulding County as the first representative for this County to the Ohio Legislature. Never before had Paulding County had a large enough population.

Note: Johnson's Island POW Confederate Camp for officers on Lake Erie had a terrible reputation, but not as horrifying as Andersonville, Georgia. Lack of food and water, medicines and necessities to live and living in filth made the hardships of a POW even harder than being on the battlefield. Francis DeWitt became a prisoner of war in 1864 at Salisbury, Danville and Libby prisons, ending up in Libby until the end of the war.

Paulding County had the highest percentage of men to serve than any other county in the state of Ohio. Their soldiers came back after the war to become professional people in the county and to resume their home lives. The census continued to grow each time it was taken. By 1890 there were about 1,000 resident veterans.

Memorial Day of May 30 has been a beautiful and tenderly observed custom of decorating soldiers' graves and Paulding County has been no exception.

"Bring flowers the sweetest, Bring flowers the rarest, and scatter them o'er our fallen graves; Bring flowers the brightest, Bring flowers the fairest, And strew them profusely on our dead heros' graves."

—anonymous

Note: Much of the information of the Civil War veterans can be found from their records at your courthouse and the National Archives in Washington, D.C. REF: "Civil War Vets" By: Mark Holtsberry.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Gorman, I would have responded sooner but I've been studying the First Amendment. From what I can see it gives me the right to say I'm tired of your whining. I never told you to quit writing. I actually agree with you sometimes. I just said stop whining. Also, I'm older than you and lived here all my life so how could you have lived here longer than me?

—Kirk Hopkins

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Lambert, I was very disappointed with your rebuttal letter to Ms. Treat. Please sir, she only spoke the truth. If you desire to deride any person publicly, let it be me. Her letter in the West Bend News was in fact two letters. The first half was to point out that we have differences in what the Bible states. Secondly, she wrote the truth and in your usual manner did not deal with those truths. I, for one, would like to see the message addressed, not the messenger. We do sir have a difference of interpretation of Gods' Word and I, for one, (and there are many more persons) would like to have some straight answers to the questions posed. Would that seem like a reasonable request? So, I have some.

First, is Jesus Christ God? Is He in fact the creator? Is He a part of what we call the Trinity? I already know the word Trinity is not in the Bible, so please don't go there. Is Jesus Christ coming back to judge the world? Is He bringing all the redeemed with Him? Is He going to set up His Kingdom at that time? Is Hebrews 9:22 correct when the writer states that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin? In the Apostles second letter to Timothy, chapter 2, am I to believe him or you? He says and I quote, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his

appearing and His kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season; out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, (hearing what they want to hear and not the truth), and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables."

Sir, how am I suppose to interpret the first few verses in 1 Corinthians chapter 10? Moreover brethren, I would not that you should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through the sea, (the exodus), and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all did eat the same spiritual meat; and all did drink the same spiritual drink of that spiritual rock that followed them; and that rock was Christ. Sir, were these people that were baptized unto Moses saved? When Israel passed through the Red Sea, they were not saved by the water, but from the water, the eight souls aboard the ark were not saved by the flood, they were saved from the flood. The ark was the saving factor, not the water. The ark is illustrative of Christ! So how does this baptism unto Moses fit into the program, do we believe what the Bible says, or do we just push that aside too?

—Kenny Barnes

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Since 9/11 we have heard plenty about terrorists and terrorism from the main stream media. Recently, on an alternative radio talk show, Dr Nick Begich gave another definition of terrorism: "Government by force". Maybe that definition will become more obvious with the new health care bill.

—Phillip Piersma



TRAVIS MCPHERSON ACCEPTED AT UNOH

Travis McPherson, son of Christopher and Leta McPherson of Paulding, OH, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima. He will begin classes during the Fall Quarter where he will be majoring in the Computer Forensics program. Travis attends Paulding High School.

OHIO HOUSE SUPPORTS TELECOMMUNICATIONS REFORM BILL

State Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today announced the passage of House Bill 276 from the Ohio House of Representatives. This legislation revises the state policy regarding telecommunications service and repeals current law governing alternative regulation of telephone companies.

House Bill 276 will create a more favorable environment for competition in telecommunications, while retaining consumer safeguards and lead toward competitive pricing. It will help establish uniform regulations for telecommunication services and permit the industry to invest in Ohio's infrastructure and technology, instead of overly burdensome regulatory compliance.

"I am relieved to see that the amendment regarding the state regulation of pole attachment rates was not included in this bill, because it would have been detrimental to the electric cooperatives in my district," Rep. Wachtmann said. "I support the electric cooperatives and will continue working to ensure that they remain consumer-owned and member-controlled, which ensures fairness to all cooperative members."

Since 2001, traditional land line telephone companies have lost 3 million customers due to increased competition from rapidly advancing technologies, including wireless and digital telephone service. More than 20 states have adopted telecom reform laws, which will spur investment in new technologies and create vital jobs.

House Bill 276 is supported by the Ohio Chamber, National Federation of Independent Business, Ohio Telecommunications Association, AT&T, and Institute for Policy Innovation.



Gary Cooper and Governor Ted Strickland discuss Cooper Farms and its role in Ohio's Agriculture industry.

(Continued from Page 1) Strickland has also publicly denounced the HSUS ballot plan.

"One of the issues that has come up at each of our stops is the Animal Care Standards Board," Strickland said. "We (think) it is important for Ohio and Ohioans to decide what is best for our state, rather than outsiders to try and decide that for us and the agriculture community," he continued, referring to himself and Director Boggs.

After the discussion, Greg Cooper and Dale Hart led two groups on a tour of the cooked side of the plant. As a part of this tour, the groups were shown the two current slicing lines. The company's slicing business is the reason for the 50,000 square foot expansion, which is currently underway on the north side of the plant. This

expansion, once fully staffed, will provide 150 jobs. Strickland asked many questions and shared that he was quite impressed with the company and the plant.

"Obviously there is a great emphasis on food safety and cleanliness here," Strickland said. "I was hugely impressed at all the procedures that are observed here just to make sure the food is safe for human consumption. Director Boggs had told me before we got here that this is a high-quality company, and a high-quality family that puts a strong emphasis on quality. Everything I've seen here today supports that conclusion."

Also in attendance for the visit were representatives from OSU Extension, Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Soybean Council and other industry groups.

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PASTOR CHARLES 'CHUCK' SCHMUNK

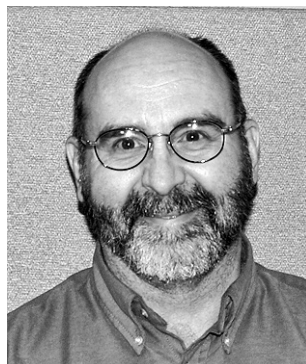
By: Stan Jordan

On Wednesday, March 17th, Sue, Pauline and I went to the Bethel United Methodist Church to interview their minister, Charles "Chuck" Schmunk. It was a very enjoyable evening and they also had a community supper with a lot of fellowship.

Charles Schmunk was born in Defiance on December, 1957. He was raised south of Sherwood and graduated from Fairview High School in 1975 with an agricultural and college prep background. He was active with the Fairview FFA, played on the football team and ran track one year. His parents are Jerry and Lucy Schmunk and he has a younger sister and brother.

Chuck and Bev met in high school and he began attending Mark Center UMC with her. They were married in 1977 and have two sons, Matthew (Sarah) of Lima

and grandson, Zachariah. Ben lives in Wichita. Their daughter, Carol (Luke) Mohr lives in Van Wert. Bev and Chuck are waiting the birth of their second grandchild to Carol and Luke in early May, and Ben and Anna's wedding in June. They are experiencing a busy time with all that



is going on, but are always reminded that God is good.

Pastor Chuck's hobbies are gardening, woodworking and fishing when he can find time. He also enjoys garage sales and auctions.

Pastor Chuck received Associate degrees in Mechanical and Electromechanical Engineering from Northwest Technical College, Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Defiance College, A MBA from Indiana University and will be finishing a Master of Divinity degree in May from Methodist Theological School in Ohio. He is thankful for the opportunities that he has had and hopes that all will take advantage of available education.

Pastor Chuck worked bailing hay and at the local truck stop through high school and college, and then began working at ARO in Bryan as a draftsman. He has held other positions as

Inspection Supervisor and most recently Quality Engineer over the years. He is currently employed by New Era Ohio, formerly Ingersoll-Rand /ARO. He farmed until 2004 and currently lives on the family farm.

At Mark Center, Chuck filled various roles as Sunday School teacher, Superintendent, Youth Advisor and Certified Lay Speaker. He was asked to become a Supply Pastor at Bethel in 1999, and is currently appointed there as a local pastor. His spiritual gift is teaching, but God has used him to do work in many areas of the church. His background assists him in pastoral duties.

In hindsight, Chuck can see God's hand in the leading and development of skills and abilities that may be utilized in church service.

His Israeli visit in 1979 allows for an understanding of context when reading the Scripture, particularly in dimensions of geography and history.

Serving at Bethel United Methodist Church is a blessing and a challenge. Christians must be continuously loving and nurturing one another, seeking to do God's will in and out of church. Bethel has a long local heritage in the area and the family roots go back many generations. The church is active in local missions, outreach and Christian education. As a small, country church we are constantly seeking new ways to fulfill Christ's command to 'make disciples'. It is encouraging when local congregations work together in the community to proclaim the Gospel. "I believe God is alive and moving in this community." Many of the churches are going through changes and new faces are appearing to do the work. The area has a new YFC presence and other programs to reach the young people. These foundations are critical for our future.

Bethel's Easter Sunrise Service is at 6:30 a.m. led by our Sr. MYF, breakfast provided by the United Methodist women, with worship at 9:30 a.m. and followed by Sunday School.

April 18th at 5:00 p.m. Bethel will hold a Blessing of the Sowers for the farmers and growers.

After about an hour of good fellowship and meeting with some of my old friends it was time for us to go as it was church time. As we stood outside the church it was a nice evening as it was 66 degrees that day. There were four big deer that cut across the back lot of the church.

The late great Walt Disney always used the woods critters and deer as a symbol of peace and serenity, that surely was a wonderful ending for a fine meeting.

Thanks Pastor Chuck and all the folks at Bethel U.M. Church.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

An old Indian from the Nez Pierce tribe was sitting along the bank of the Snake River in Northwestern Wyoming. As he sat there in the warm morning sun there was a bottle up on the shore. He got up and went over and picked up the bottle and shook it a little.

When he finally got the bottle opened, sure enough, a genie came out. He was glad to get out of that bottle. He told the Indian he would grant him three wishes.

"What is your first wish?" "I want enough whiskey to last all my life." "Okay, that's done, what is your second wish?" "Ugh, that I might live many, many moons." "Oh, that's done." "What is your third wish?" The old Indian thought awhile and then said, "More whiskey!"

See Ya!



STEVE KNAPP RETIRES

By: Stan Jordan

Steve Knapp was born in Scipio Township in Allen County in 1948. He is the son of the late Ross and Mary Sunday Knapp. There were eight younguns in the family. Steve attended school at Center and South Scipio Schools. Then graduated from Woodlan High School in 1966.

He met Sue Bradway in 1966. They were married in 1967. They have four children: Mike (Lisa) live in Antwerp, and they have one boy; Michelle (Russ) Grant lives in Hicksville, they have two children; Shawn and (Amy) live in Fort Wayne, they have eight children; Troy (Eshell) lives by Newville, they have seven children. Steve and Sue also have one great-grandchild.

Steve and family lived in Harlan for about seven years, and then moved to Antwerp, and have lived here since 1979.

Steve worked as a machinist on bar machines and CNC's all his working career.

He along with Sue and Bryce and Angel Steiner started the West Bend News around five years ago. The first paper came out the end of August in 2005.

Steve likes to fish, garden, NASCAR and to spend time with his grandchildren.

We here at the WBN will miss you, Steve, but we wish you a very enjoyable retirement.

See Ya!

THE DEATH OF ADOLPH RUTH

By: Stan Jordan

This man set out to search for the Lost Dutchman's Mine in the Superstition Mountains in Western Arizona. This was as late as the summer of 1931. His skull with 2 holes in it was discovered about 6-8 months later.

This being in the 1930's, it made national news and sparked a lot of new interest in The Lost Dutchman's Mine. This land is called a wilderness area and no mining is allowed there anymore.

It is said that Adolph Ruth's son, Edwin, gave some legal aid to a Pedro Gonzales. This was in 1912. Pedro really appreciated the aid because he probably would have ended up in the Arizona Territorial Prison, a certified hell hole! He told Edwin about the Peralta Mine and also a map of the site.

Well, Edwin gave this map to his father, Adolph, as he was always interested in the lost mine legend. In fact, father Adolph was an amateur explorer. He was looking for the Lost Pegleg Mine in California and took a very bad fall and broke a few bones and they had to enlist some metal pins and he used a cane to help him walk.

In June of 1931, he decided to explore and find the Peralta Mine, this is another name for that mine. His friends lived to tell him that was too rough a county, too mountainous for a semilame 69 year old man.

Mr. Ruth ignored all the advice and he started out for a two week stint. He did not return when he should have and they made a diligent search, nothing could be found. Then a human skull was found in the Superstition Mountains. It was sent to a Dr. Hirdicka who was a very good Anthropologist. He was given some photos of Ruth, plus the man's dental records, then the doctor positively identified the skull as that of Adolph Ruth.

His report said he thought

that the holes were made by a rifle or shotgun at a close range. Because the round made a small hole going in and a larger one going out.

Then in January of 1932, human remains were found about three quarters of a mile away. The remains had been scattered by scavengers, but they were without a doubt the remains of Adolph Ruth. Many of his personal effects were there, his check book and his pistol and all the cylinders were loaded.

His check book contained a note saying he had found the mine and with directions how to get to it.

The Arizona officials did not hold a criminal inquest. They even went as far to say that he might have committed suicide. Some of the family was mighty upset about the report. There were a lot of other people who thought he was murdered for a map. Since Ruth's death, there have been other mysterious killings in that area, all over the lost mine.

Over the last one hundred and forty years some of the truth of the Lost Dutchman's Mine got warped twisted and stretched a little. But the truth is there certainly was such a mine.

There were a number of men killed and are missing after they searched for the mine and presumably found it.

I feel Adolph Ruth, did indeed locate the mine.

It gave some directions and it contained VENI-VIVI-VICI that is the time worn exclamation of Julius Caesar said in 47 BC and it means, I came, I saw, I conquered.

See Ya!

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FROM THE PC PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney, announced P.C. Grand Jury have indicted the following:

Louis P. Rachel III, Attempted Burglary, F-5; Breaking & Entering, F-5.

Bradlee G. Sandlin: Interference with Custody, F-5, 2 Counts

Joshua D. McGinnis: Sexual Offender Registration, F-3

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Michael L. Wayne: Non-Support of Dependents, F-5

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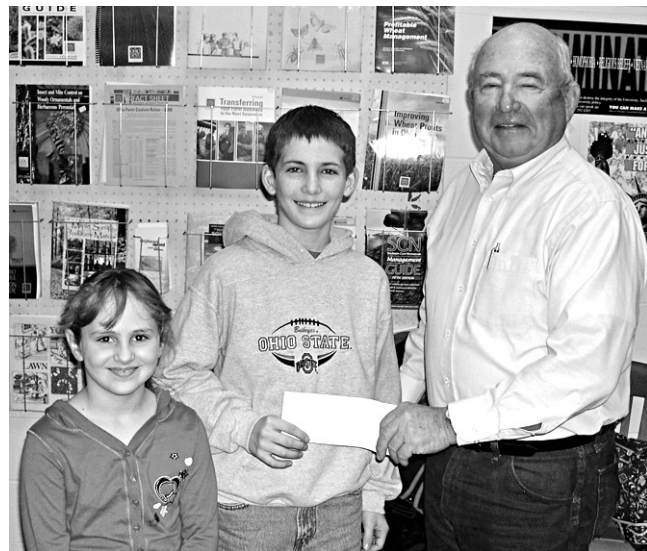
Explore Crampton Rock and discover a possible werewolf, scheming pirates, and a talking fish in Chris Mould's book, *The Wooden Mile...* the first in the *Something Wickedly Weird* series, at the Johnson Memorial Library's 1st-3rd Grade Book Club on Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

The Book Club usually meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. but was moved back a week for Holy Week. The Book Club is free and is open to all first through third grade students. The book discussion is facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

According to Amazon.com, "The *Something Wickedly Weird* series opens with 11-year-old Stanley Buggles traveling to Crampton Rock and taking up residence at Candlestick Hall. He recently inherited the mansion and its strange contents from his great-uncle Admiral Bartholomew Swift, who perished in 'a dark encounter with a fearsome werewolf.' Though both the housekeeper and the magical pike mounted in the hallway warn Stanley off the local mystery, the plucky lad can't hold back. Soon the pirates lurking nearby seem just as menacing as the werewolf, which is on the prowl again."

The library has ordered copies of the book, so each group member may have one. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. For more information on the 1st-3rd Grade Book Club, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

PAULDING COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND EAGLES DONATES TO EXTENSION



The Paulding County Democratic Party and the Paulding Eagles recently co-sponsored a steak and pork chop dinner to benefit the Paulding County OSU Extension Services. Here, Joe Sukup is presenting a donation of over \$1,000 to 4-H members Matthew Klopfenstein and Sydney Reineck on behalf of the Paulding County Extension office.

ST. PATTY VISITS PAULDING & ANTWERP



Did you see St. Patty on March 17th? We've been told that St. Patty visited this year around the Paulding and Antwerp Communities. She was spotted at the Paulding Head Start morning classes, downtown at the Paulding Post Office, Kirchers Flowers and Alco before heading off to The Manor House and North Garden Place Apartments in Antwerp. Who is St. Patty? I'm sure many of our readers personally know her, she was born and raised in Paulding County, attended and graduated Paulding High School in 1977, she continues the Tradition that her mother Ethel started when she was just a little girl. Have you figured it out yet? Her name is Carlene A Baxter Turner, she is the daughter of Bill Baxter and the late Ethel Baxter. Carlene currently lives in Cecil and is the Village Clerk for

Cecil, she is also the owner of C and S Rescue (a dog and cat rescue—solely supported by her); Carlene has a love of animals and does her best to place these beloved pets with new forever families, you'll also find Carlene at Town and Country Pets in the Kroger Plaza in Defiance, as well as right her in Antwerp at North Garden Place Apartments where she is the Manager. She is one busy lady that loves giving back to her community. Carlene is not only active with her residents at North Garden Place, but she is also active with Animal Programs for groups of all ages. We hear that Carlene will be visiting Manor House on March 25th with Town and Country Pet's Famous Scarlet Macaw, Maxine, and other furry friends and then she's off to an undisclosed location in Paulding for another surprise pet visit.

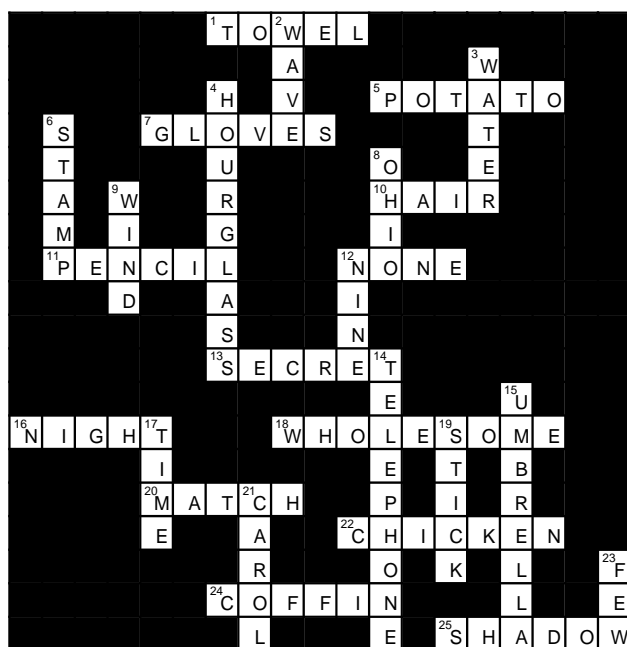
APPLICATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR THE MARSHALL MEMORIAL "YOUNG FARMER" FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Young Farmer Program is to financially encourage and aid young farmers of Paulding County to be full time grain and/or livestock farmers. The Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation program will lower a young farmer's interest on a farm land/equipment loan by depositing a CD to offset interest costs on that loan. Applications are taken annually in early spring, and money is expended in the summer to chosen applicants. A committee reviews applications

and makes recommendations to the Paulding County Area Foundation Board to act upon at their June meeting.

The Young Farmer Program is available to Paulding County residents. Criteria includes that the applicant must be a U.S. citizen and have the desire to become a full-time farmer in Paulding County and have not filed a schedule F income tax return for more than 10 years. Other criteria may include applicant income and being majority owner of his/her operation. To apply contact: The Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation, 101 East Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879. Phone 419-399-8282. Complete applications must be returned by April 28, at 3:00 p.m.

Answers to "Find the Hidden Word"



PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC FINANCIAL DIRECTOR PREPARES FOR THE FUTURE

PauldingPutnamElectric Cooperative Inc., (PPEC) is proud to announce that Jim Brown has completed an intensive program in electric utility management with the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. The program guides participants through all facets of the electric utility industry, including the many changes occurring around the nation.

Jim Brown is one of only a few electric utility financial directors that will graduate from the MIP this year and in fact this was the 40th anniversary for this program.

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consumers want and how to ensure they get it. Course work encompassed electric distribution engineering & operations, financial analysis, human resource issues and labor practices, legal matters and much more.

By covering the unique principles that govern the operations of electric cooperatives, the program helps PPEC analyze methods of enhancing the core organization.

Only rural electric cooperative CEO's and top level management participate in the program. This allows greater emphasis of study, on management challenges and the aspects of consumer-ownership that cooperatives enjoy. Participants learn to be much more consumer focused in their daily management decisions and by completing one of the most exclusive educational programs in the nation for electric cooperative management, Mr. Brown has demonstrated the commitment for ongoing continuous improvement in the electric cooperative environment.

Mr. Brown has worked for PPEC for over four years and lives in Edgerton with wife, son and four dogs.

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THE LETTER P IS FUN!



Shown here enjoying their pizza are Josiah Akom, Hannah Maenle, Rylee Miller, Logan Miller, Sydnee Sinn, Kaylee Baum, Mason Dias, Jared Ebel, Aubree Miller, and Brielle Sheets.

The kids at Little Harvest recently learned all about the letter P and even had a pizza party where they helped

make their own pizzas. What could be better to help learn your letters than with yummy food?

ENJOY A CLUSTER OF ACTIVITIES AT THE HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER'S APRIL PROGRAMS

Enjoy a Kids' Cooking Class, learn how to surf the web, and better understand the 2009 Defiance County Health Assessment at the Hicksville Community Service Center's April programs.

On April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hicksville High School Computer Lab, learn how to surf the web. Principal Sue Dangler will be offering a basic internet course for beginners on how to surf the internet and use practical internet web sites. The workshop is free and is

sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center.

Also on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church basement, Susan Wiley and Shannon Villena will be offering a Kids Cooking Class. They will take kids on a cooking adventure and teach them how to make nutritious as well as yummy treats. There is a registration fee to cover food and materials. Space is limited for this class, so please pre-register.

On April 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library, join Deb Gilgenbach as she presents the 2009 Defiance County Health Needs Assessment. This is your opportunity to ask questions and to better understand the assessment and the health needs of Defiance County residents. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register for any of the programs, call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173 or email hpsc@defnet.com or register online at <http://userweb.metalink.net/~hpsc>.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OHIO FARMERS AND OUR STATE'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

Capital Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Last November, nearly 64 percent of Ohio voters and 87 of Ohio's 88 counties approved State Issue 2, a constitutional amendment which created the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board, a 13-member panel of animal care and food safety experts charged with establishing guidelines for the care of livestock and poultry in Ohio. The Ohio House and Senate are currently working on legislation to implement the language from the proposal.

Passage of Issue 2 was a major victory for the health and well-being of Ohio families and the future of our state's agriculture industry. The ballot measure will help to preserve the availability of affordable, locally-grown crops and strengthen transparency in agriculture production to ensure that Ohio farmers are operating responsibly, animals are well cared for and the food we are eating is safe.

In recent years, extreme animal rights advocates have organized campaigns in several states to reform current farming practices. For example, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) recently won support for a ballot initiative in California, which will make it a criminal offense beginning in 2015 if farmers do not follow certain rules for confining pigs, calves and hens. Despite Ohioans' overwhelming support for Issue 2 last fall, the HSUS has begun mounting a similar effort in Ohio, which could put many farmers out of business, significantly raise the price of food and have a terrible impact on our state's economy.

Ohio has a proud agriculture tradition dating back more than two centuries, and we must do everything we can to protect it. My colleagues and I in the Senate have approved several bills over the past several months that seek to further this goal, while working to expand the market for Ohio crops and grow agriculture production in our state. As we celebrate Agriculture Week (March 14-20) and the contributions of all those who raise livestock, plant seeds and harvest crops for a living, I would like to take a moment to update you on the status of some of these proposals.

On February 27, Governor Strickland signed Senate Bill 131, legislation that I co-sponsored, which establishes an Ohio bio-products preferred purchasing program for state agencies and state-supported colleges and universities. The bill would allow the state to use its purchasing power to expand an already budding market for bio-based materials in Ohio, encourage the development of innovative products made from Ohio crops and help provide a significant boost to Ohio farmers.

In addition, the Senate recently approved Senate Bill 155, bipartisan legislation that would direct a portion of the state's existing fee on the sale of new tires to help restore some funding for local soil and water districts which was reduced because of limited fi-

financial resources at both the state and local level. Ohio's 88 soil and water conservation districts (SWCD)—one in each county—work with farmers and other land owners in both urban and rural areas to help prevent soil erosion and promote responsible water management by surveying and designing grassed waterways, erosion control structures, surface and subsurface drainage, farm ponds, windbreaks and livestock waste management facilities.

SB 155, which is currently pending in the Ohio House Finance & Appropriations Committee, would also increase by \$10,000 the amount that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources can distribute through grants to soil and water districts that currently receive little to no local matching dollars.

Furthermore, early last year, I co-sponsored Senate Bill 101, legislation to establish the Ohio Beekeepers Task Force, a panel of scientists, farmers, beekeepers, legislators and state agency leaders charged with studying the disappearance of honeybees in Ohio and developing a plan to protect and restore our state's bee population. The bill was amended into the state budget which passed last spring.

As any farmer will tell you, the honeybee is a vital asset to agriculture in this country, pollinating dozens of crops, from fruits and vegetables to nuts and other specialty items. Estimates show that bee pollination accounts for about one-third of the U.S. diet. However, millions of bees in Ohio and other states have mysteriously died or disappeared over the past few years, leaving many beekeepers, farmers and other people in the agriculture industry worried about their future. This problem could also impact the quality and price of the food we eat and the stability of our state's economy.

Finally, the Ohio Senate passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 last May, which urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to halt a possible effort to regulate naturally-occurring, animal methane emissions to adhere to new standards under the federal Clean Air Act. This proposed "cow tax" would cost many of our state's farmers millions of dollars a year and raise food prices for Ohio families. SCR 8, which I co-sponsored, is currently pending in the House Environment & Brownfield Development Committee.

Ohio is blessed to have had generations of hard-working farmers who have helped to shape our local communities, grow our economy and make agriculture our state's number one industry. It is critical that we fight to keep this tradition alive, while working to find new ways to market Ohio crops and grow agricultural production in the state. I am committed as your state senator and a life-long resident of agriculture-rich, northwest Ohio to this important effort.

I encourage residents from the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns about state government issues. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. I can also be reached by email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us.

PAULDING COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

By: Randy L. Shaffer, Director

On March 24th, at 9:50 a.m. Paulding County will be testing outdoor warning sirens. The sirens will run for three minutes just as if an actual tornado warning has been issued.

Please make sure your families and co-workers are aware of the methods to receive tornado warnings at home, at work and at other locations and the appropriate actions to take.

ANTWERP OFFICIALS LOOK AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Ray Delong, Administrator Sara Keeran, ACDC President Kirk Hopkins and Paulding County Economic Development Director Tony Langham met March 16 to discuss business development on the south side of Antwerp near the new US 24 interchange. Randy Derck, President of the Antwerp/Paulding County Community Improvement Corporation could not attend.

The meeting started at the Essen House and then led to a tour of the proposed development area south of Antwerp. Items discussed were water lines, sewer lines, roads, and the retailers that could have an interest in the area. Low interest loans, grants and private investment will be needed to capitalize on the opportunity that the new US 24 brings to the area.



ANTWERP ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

The Antwerp Rotary Club celebrated its 35th Anniversary at the Riverside Christian Church on Thursday, March 18. In attendance were past Rotarians, guests from neighboring Rotary clubs, and Antwerp's current Rotarians. Rotary's District Governor Jim Heinrich was the keynote speaker and emphasized the various activities that Antwerp's Rotarians have done in the past 35 years to make the Antwerp community better.

Dr. Bricker, one of the founding and still current Rotarian, told the tale of the Antwerp Club's founding. Other presenters, Floyd Ramsier and Tim Derck, shared stories of the successful past of the Rotary Club hosting foreign students. The enrichment that is mutually shared from hosting these students in our community has gone much further than just the time the students have spent here. Rotary looks forward to bring another exchange student next year. Currently, Rotary sponsors two outbound students who are in Germany, Hayleigh Feichter and Dustin Woodcox.

The Antwerp Rotary Club's current President is Russell Pierce and the Secretary/Treasurer is Marilyn Provines.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

In last week's WBN, the Reese Nicole Franklin birth announcement omitted her great-grandfather, Paul Gerencser.

NEW HOST FAMILY

By: Hayley Feichter

In my very first article I wrote about my first host family and profiled them. Now that I've switched I'd like to give you a glimpse of my new family!

As a part of the Rotary program, I am to have at least two host families. Why? So that I can see different ways of life and get a better perspective of a typical German lifestyle. I switched to my new host family on Saturday, January 16. It took me like three days to pack everything up and move, but now I'm staying with this family until I leave (which speaking of it, will be the first week of August). And they are SO nice!

In the US, when you "send a kid" you don't have to host one, but here in Germany, with Rotary, if your child goes on exchange you are expected to host one during the same year. So, right now my "would-be" host sister is now on exchange in Chile. I also have three other host siblings as well, but two of them are much older and have moved away from Stuttgart to study. The oldest sister is now living and studying in Berlin and the next oldest brother is living and studying in Karlsruhe. The third oldest brother is living at home, Bertrum, is 20 years old, and graduated last year. This year he is still living at home while he studies to be an architect and is currently doing an internship with a local company. He is very nice, but I hardly ever see him. Between his working schedule and going out with friends in the evenings and/or weekends and then my school and activities, we don't see much of each other!

So most of the time it's just me and my host parents, but that's okay because I really like them! My host dad is older (60's) and loves history, physics, math, and geography. He is now retired, but keeps himself busy. My host mom works at the university, but not as a professor or anything. I'm not sure of her official title, but she is like a scientist working with different plastics. She loves music, art, and theater, just like me. So we go see ballets and events together. They love explaining things to me and helping with my German. Almost every night after supper, my host mom and I will sit down and read children's books, work on vocabulary or grammar. It's really nice! They are also teaching me how to cook! In my last house we had a maid to cook, but here it's much more relaxed and homey. For example, on Wednesdays I normally get home around

noon, but my host mom not until around 2:30, so I'll cook and have lunch ready for the two of us when she comes home. It's so great! They're very welcoming for me to go hang out with friends and always try and find things that I can do or go to!

Unlike the majority of the world, my host family doesn't own a car! Right now all of you, I'm sure, are gasping, but don't! That was my first reaction too, but we live in the east part of Stuttgart, which is not too far from the center of the city. I can walk 35 minutes to get downtown or take two different trams or two different buses! Many possibilities! I'm finding it much more ideal. Since the trams and buses normally come every 10 minutes, it is absolutely no problem. And we've also had very spring-like weather recently making walking places very enjoyable!

We also eat a lot of vegetables and less meat. I probably already told you, but the eating pattern is way different. Here you eat bread and jam/jelly or musli (raisins, rolled oats, nuts, honey) for breakfast. Lunch is normally the biggest meal and always warm and very filling with dessert. Supper, most of the time, is bread with cheese or cold meat. This way is much healthier! And my host family loves veggies! The rule is: you must try three bites of everything! So... I did! And now I love food that I never would have even looked at before! It's great!

Also, we don't have a TV. As shocking as this may sound, it's not too bad or dreadfully uncommon... I have three other friends also with no TV and several with only one (contrary to America's 2-3 per average household). Yes, it would be nice to maybe watch some things in German or the Olympics! But I don't have a lot of time anyway... I've learned to fill my time with reading, writing, walking, spending time with friends, and a lot of other activities!

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR 2/1/10

Metalink representatives were present asking Council to consider allowing wireless internet antennas on the Front Street Water Tower. They are offering free internet to city at \$100.00-\$200.00 monthly; this is tabled until we confirm the tower maintenance schedule.

Jim Lauer reported sending a letter to IDEM informing them of what is being done to improve the sewer system. Councilman Zimmerman asked what is the time frame we are looking at to dig, Jim Lauer stated 4-5 months, should be around Labor Day. Mayor stated it may be possible to repair the storm water line on Main Street from Elm to Fahrsling by using CREDIT funds. Gregg Guerretaz is suggesting that we do not spend CREDIT, but borrow from it. We would need to form a Storm Water Management board, do a study to determine the charges, and then pay back CREDIT from revenue; this will be looked into. Schnelker Engineering consulting rate of \$2400.00 per year, paid in \$600.00 quarterly payments is up for renewal. Councilman Mason made 1st motion to approve renewal, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman, all agreed, motion passed. Indiana Association of City and Towns annual membership dues of \$200.00 are due. Councilman Mason made 1st motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman, all agreed, motion passed.

Mayor received a quote to replace the light pole in the Homestead Subdivision, \$1850.00 for light and installation, \$1325.00 for light without installation. Council feels this is high and would like a quote from Indiana Michigan Power to replace with regular wooden poles and street lights. Mayor reported the Police car is almost ready for service; he would like to use the Blazer as a fleet vehicle, to be used to attend meetings or conferences. Councilman Mason made 1st motion to keep the Blazer as a fleet vehicle, 2nd by Councilman Reichhart, all agreed, motion passed.

Minutes were presented; Councilman Clegg made 1st motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented; Councilman Clegg made 1st motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Mason, all agreed, motion passed. Councilman Norden stated he looked at the benefit ordinance, it states the City will pay \$5000.00 of yearly insurance cost

and \$2000.00 out of pocket expenses for the full time employees and their spouses. He feels paying half of Mayor and Clerk Treasurers insurance should be rescinded and the ordinance should be followed. Lesa reported, Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers annual conference at Ball State University will be held March 7-11, 2010. Councilman Mason made 1st motion for Lesa and Beth to attend, staying three nights at the Hampton Inn, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa reported Municipal Week is May 10-14, 2010. Ryan Walls is still waiting on the 101 pump to be repaired.

Councilman Zimmerman reported the tornado sirens worked when monthly Homeland security test was performed. The west siren was struck by lightning and repaired last summer; he would like to see if they can be insured. Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/10/10

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on March 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Acting Mayor Rife called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll with the following members present: Barb Rife, Kim Sutton, Jim Guelde, Mike Trausch, Roger Sierer, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe was also present.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the February 16th Council meeting, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

No legislation was presented.

Trausch presented the Grounds & Buildings Committee's report from February 25th. The following items were discussed:

—The Committee was planning to meet with the officers of the Paulding Youth Ball Association ("PYBA"), but due to scheduling conflicts PYBA members were unable to attend.

—Daeger requested clarification of the specific responsibilities of the Grounds & Buildings Committee.

—The Committee requested Solicitor Jones draft a letter to Mr. Jaimie Larson relaying the Village is not currently interested in selling the property he requested due to potential future use for the property.

—Mowing bids were reviewed. Solicitor Jones is to contact the mowing contractors for clarification of their bids.

—Reviewed a letter sent to the Village by the Paulding Youth Ball Association dated November 13, 2009, regarding the proposed maintenance agreement.

—Requested Wiebe check with The Ohio Plan regarding the necessity of a phone at Reservoir Park.

—Solicitor Jones is to contact Dave Hyman to inquire about the potential interest revenue the Village is to receive from the Lela McGuire Jeffery trust.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's February 18th report. The committee discussed the following:

—The Committee recommended youth programming take precedence with regards to the scheduling of activities on the third field.

—Revisions were made to the Softball League Commissioner Job Description. Some notable changes include that all league revenues (including league fees) and expenses be received and paid by the Village Finance Director.

—The Recreation Committee clarified that the Village does not charge field rental for leagues at Reservoir Park. The Village only charges field rental for outside tournaments.

—The floor of the Lafountain Park shelter house will be replaced once the weather breaks, and the ground is hardens enough to withstand the weight of a cement truck.

—Sierer will be collecting quotes to lower the lights on Reservoir Park's second field.

—Pool Manager and Lifeguard interviews will be scheduled soon.

—Bruce Whitman will remain Park Manager.

Wiebe requested approval of the Administrator's Agenda authorizing him to assess a residence owned by Michelle L. Cooper for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse. Sutton motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

Wiebe also made mention of a letter he sent to Chris Korleski of the Ohio EPA regarding Village utility rates.

Rife presented Solicitor Jones' report to Council. Jones noted Wiebe and Mayor White had delivered a letter to Randy Porter of Porter Sanitation on February 17th requesting a one-year extension to the Solid Waste contract. Randy Porter replied to Wiebe via email on February 26th advising that Porter Sanitation will not be extending the contract for another year. Solicitor Jones recommended Council advertise for bids for this service after a review of all bid documents by the Safety Committee.

Sutton requested residents please return census information to the Census Bureau. She noted this information plays a vital role in the decision making process when the Village applies for grant monies.

Daeger motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all year Council returned to Regular Session.

Lynae Frazier was present seeking assistance from the Village to start a program similar to the "Friends of the Felines" of Defiance to help cats. Council informed Ms. Frazier that while the Village cannot help her financially, or provide her with a facility to care for felines, they would not be opposed to such a program being operated in town.

The following meetings were scheduled:

—Street Committee, Thursday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m.

—Grounds & Buildings Committee - Monday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m.

—Safety Committee -Tuesday, March 9th at 4:15 p.m.

Trausch motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.

Trausch motioned to adjourn, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

CRITERIA FOR A GOOD BASKETBALL PLAYER

By: Stan Jordan

A number of people have asked me if T.J. Short is the best basketball player to graduate out of Antwerp High School. Well, I don't know why they asked me except, I have been around ever since Antwerp has had a basketball team. Mr. Short certainly is a fine basketball player.

We had played basketball at AHS since 1937. We have had a number of first-class basketball players. I'm not going to make a pin-point decision like that, but then this is what I did. I sat here at Sue's desk and tried to make a long list of categories that make up a good ball player: lay-up shots, ability, set shot ability, 3-point shooting ability, foul shot shooting, team player, speed, dribble ability and ball handling, shot blocking, ball stealing ability, ball passing, knowledge of the game, attendance at practice, driving to the basket and quick thinker.

I have studied these categories and T.J.'s ability in handling each one, and I give him an excellent in each one.

You can take your favorite player and run through all these categories and see how he measures up. You

will probably end up with the same decision as I do and it is too close to call.

In passing, I would like to say, on the night of March 5th during the Sectional at Hicksville. Antwerp played Edgerton. That was two very good ball teams, but the officiating left something to be desired.

Even the radio announcer who was calling the game said, "The Antwerp fans are upset with the refs and I can see why."

For our graduating seniors to end their high school basketball career and the other players as well, to end their season in that fashion leaves me with a bad taste in my mouth.

See Ya!

PAULDING HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
3/16 - Kenneth Simpson, Cecil

3/18 - Randy McNamara, Payne

Dismissals:
3/18 - Helen Cluts, Payne

3/20 - Evelyn Cluts, Paulding

3/20 - Kenneth Simpson, Cecil

3/20 - Randy McNamara, Payne

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After attending Ayersville School, Jane married and had three sons, Bruce, Doug and Tom. While raising her sons, Jane had several jobs in the Defiance area. She enjoyed bowling and was on a team for many years.

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All A's & B's - Ashton

Barnhouse, Kati Carr, Jason Dunstan, Adynn Elston, Braden Evans, Chloe Franklin, Gene Garrett, Kaitlyn Hamman, Nathan Lee, Aidan McAlexander, Timothy Major, Mackenzie Myers, Mary-Cate Panico, Aubree Rager, Charity Roebel, Cole Seslar, Gage Speaks, Aubree Sproles, Joel Steiner, Kole Titus, Alexis Wright

FOURTH GRADE:

All A's - Brian Geyer, Alexandra Hindenlang, Joshua Poulson, Kylee Trauterman

All A's & B's - Destiny Baumert, Kaitlyn Clevinger, Noah Cline, Zeb Getrost, Brooke Hatlevig, Brandon Laney, Riley McAlexander, Becca McCroskey, Ashley Miller, Jon Pendergrast, Callie Perry, Dylan Peters, Koleton Porter, Kortney Smith, Rachel Williamson

FIFTH GRADE:

All A's - Emma Butzin, Matthew Dooley, Derek Reeb, Jaime Ryan, Jarrison Steiner, Maggie Wilson

All A's & B's - Josh Ehlinger, Mariah Elkins, Marissa Elkins, Mackenzie Hart, Evan Hilton, Becca Johanns, Zachary McDaniels, Erica Meyer, Trey Mills, Brandon Pendergrast, Emilee Phillips, Hanna Richey, Arron Romero, Kaylee Schroeder, Sydney Sheedy, Peyton Short, Alex Smith, McKenzie Turpening

SIXTH GRADE:

All A's - Emily Derck, Beth Hawley, Josh Longardner, Anne Miesle, Aaron O'Donnell, Iann Roebel, Jacob Sukup, Allison Taylor, Cayla Woodcox

All A's & B's - Mikayla Boesch, Avery Braaten, Erik

Buchan, Justice Clark, Jeff Coleman, Domino Daugherty, Serena Drake, Audrie Longardner, Drake Neace, Kayle Slattery, Haley Timbrook, Sam Williamson, Jenna Wilson

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB PLACES ALL TWENTY SIX WRESTLERS AT AYERSVILLE TOURNAMENT

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club took 26 wrestlers to the Ayersville tournament this past Saturday, and placed every wrestler.

Placing first: Ty Tinlin, Dylan Laney, Kameran Bevis, Nate Showalter, David Braxton, Worth Clark, Austin Smith, Hunter Showalter, Anthony Rooks, Brendan Dingus, Zaine Cotterman, George Clemens IV, and Tyler Showalter.

Placing second: Miah Rue, Gage Tinlin, Taylor Long, Max Rassman, Brandon Laney, Aaron Miller, Zach Cotterman, and Cody Stahl.

Placing third: Riley Rue, James Coyne, Dustin Taylor, and Andy Norling.

Placing fourth: Arin Canfield

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/24 THROUGH 3/30

Breakfast:

3/24 - 3/26 - No school,

Spring Break

3/29 - Pizza, milk, juice

3/30 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk, juice

Lunch:

3/24 - 3/26 - No school,

Spring Break

3/29 - Mac & cheese, PB sandwich, green beans, applesauce, milk

3/30 - Creamed chicken sandwich, corn, mandarin oranges, milk

WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL WINTERS SPORTS AWARD RECIPIENTS



Varsity Boys Basketball Awards: From left - Jesse Glass, Free Throw Contest Award; Jordan Monnier, Most Improved Varsity; Kyle Moore, Varsity Coach's Award; Derrick Pease, Most Valuable Defensive Player Award. Absent: Devan Bermejo, Most Valuable Offensive Player Award.



Cheerleading Awards: From left - Jessica Harpel, JV Most Improved; Meagin Cavanaugh, JV Coach's Award; Bridgett Black, Varsity Coach's Award; Iesha Ingol, Most Improved Varsity.



Varsity Girls Basketball Awards: From left - Shelby Erford, 4 year Varsity, Panther Award, MVP Award; Abbey Edwards, Most Valuable Defensive Player Award; Jessica Farr, Most Improved Varsity; Taylor Hatcher, Varsity Hustle Award; Jaclyn Carr, Best Attitude Award.



JV Boys Basketball Awards: From left - Anthony Arellano, JV Most Valuable Player; Jason Koenn, Most Improved JV Award; Zach Gawronski, JV Defensive Player Award.

TWO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS WRESTLE AT ALL STAR WRESTLING MEET

On March 10, Jared Deitrick of Paulding and Cody Stahl of Wayne Trace, who were not only on opposing teams during the season, but were somewhat county rivals, found themselves sitting side by side on the same wrestling team.

Both had been selected by the Lima Area Coaches Association to represent the independent wrestling teams in a dual match against all star wrestlers from the Western Buckeye League.

Both teams were comprised of several District and State Qualifiers and placers, including Three State Champions.

Jared Deitrick squared off against Conner Massillo of Van Wert and Cody Stahl faced Clay Roehrig of Defiance.

On a night where the best wrestlers of Northwest Ohio come together for one last match of the season, it really didn't matter who won or lost, as it was an honor just to be there.

The WBL All-star team defeated the Independents 56-45

PEVS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/24 THROUGH 3/30

MS/HS - Breakfast:

3/24 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk

3/25 - Donuts, juice, milk

3/26 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

3/29 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

3/30 - Sausage, egg burrito w/salsa, juice, milk

MH/HS - Lunch:

3/24 - Italian dunkers w/sauce or Bar-B-Q pork w/ bun, green beans, chips, assorted fruit, milk

3/25 - Ham & cheese croissant, potato soup, assorted fruit, milk

3/26 - Butter cod w/bun, AuGratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

3/29 - Pepperoni pizza, buttered corn or Cheeseburger w/bun, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk

3/30 - Mandarin chicken salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Breakfast:

3/24 - Oatmeal cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk

3/25 - Muffin, applesauce, milk

3/26 - Yogurt, whales, applesauce, milk

3/29 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

3/30 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Lunch:

3/24 - French toast, hash browns, sausage, assorted fruit, milk

3/25 - Turkey deli sandwich, mini carrots, pretzels, fruit, milk

3/26 - Cheese pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk

3/29 - Breaded chicken w/ bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

3/30 - Corn dog, carrots, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Breakfast:

3/24 - Pancake sausage on a stick, fruit, milk

3/25 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk

3/26 - Assorted cereal, fruit, milk

3/29 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk

3/30 - Sausage biscuit, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Lunch:

3/24 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread, fruit, milk

3/25 - Corn dog, corn, fruit, milk

3/26 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

3/29 - Hot dog or chili dog w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

3/30 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, sherbet, milk

LOCAL STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

The University of Findlay has awarded merit scholarships and endowed scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year to the following students: Ryan Davis, Payne, Ohio, mathematics major, Dean's Scholarship; Kelsey Hughes, Payne, Ohio, Equestrian studies major, President's Scholarship.



JV Girls Basketball Awards: Mackenzie Hanenkratt, Most Improved JV Award; not pictured - Sarah Nardone, JV Hustle Award.



Paulding Wrestling Awards: From left - Nick Flint, 3rd year varsity and Honorary Nic Alvarez Coach's Award; Josh Hemker, most improved; Derek Shrider, Rookie of the Year Award; Nick Hanenkratt, 3rd year varsity and most improved; Jared Deatrick, 4 year varsity and Most Valuable Wrestler award.

Calling all Chocoholics.....

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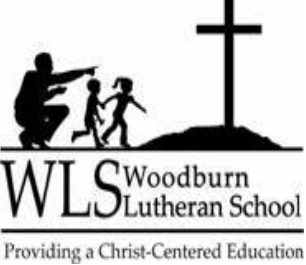


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PORCUPINE TEACHES ANN'S PRESCHOOLERS ABOUT POISON



Mrs. Linda Work, RN from Healthy Childcare Ohio, recently visited Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool with her friend, Spike the Porcupine. She was there to teach us about the hazards of poisons in the home. We did an interactive activity with her and chanted "we will not

touch, we will not taste, we will not smell!"

Shown here from the left with Mrs. Work are: Moriah Griffiths, Keersten Peters and Katie Beckman. These children are in the morning class of 4 and young 5 year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES 3/19/10

Men High Games:

1. Duey Schoenauer 227
2. Craig Womack 112
3. Mike Walley 206
4. David Bauer 195
5. Scott Pendergrast 193
6. Ray Delong 191
7. Robert Johnson 189
8. Chris Jones 188
9. Bowie Reid 185
10. Phil Bauer 183

Men High Series:

1. Robert Johnson 550
2. Craig Womack 539
3. Scott Pendergrast 521
4. Mike Walley 515
5. David Bauer 513
6. Duey Schoenauer 502
7. Ray Delong 494
8. Phil Bauer 493
9. Benji Grant 492
10. Bowie Reid 490

Women High Game:

1. Marie Bauer 216
2. Marian Saylor 202
3. Teresa Huard 198
4. Sherry Reinhart 193
5. Charlene Geyer 188
6. Paula Lichty 185
7. Stacy Hopkins 179
8. Fay Sitton 177
9. Carol Kortokrax 177
10. Jeanne Evans 171

WOODLAN JR/SR HIGH HONOR ROLL 2ND TRIMESTER 2009-10

Woodlan Scholars: A Average with no grade below a B-:

Grade 7 - Thomas Bartle, Brittany Berning, Scott Boroff, Victoria Cook, Rebekah Dignal, Alyssa Garver, Loren Hahn, Olivia Hostetler, Bohde Kurtz, Brooke Mullett, Madeline Thomas

Grade 8 - Mikeila Boroff, Austin Brooks, Jaclyn Delagrange, Rashel Dial, Tyler Eich, Jared Emehiser, Spencer Faull, Brooke Gerbers, Dakota Gerig, Kadin Gerig, Morgan Gerig, Tyler Gerig, Joachima Hoot, Haley Hostetler, Tyler Kern, Kenneth Nepp, Erika Kreilach, Cassandra Lomont, Sidney Mumma, Joshua Raber, Katelyn Ramer, Adam Strebeg, Connor Troyer, Garrett Van-Brocklin

Grade 9 - Lauren Braaten, Kelsey Brown, Lauren Ehle, Carissa Eisenmann, Clayton Graber, Kimberlyn Graber, Austin Grubaugh, Joshua Hettinger, Jason Hoepfner, Carly Huth, Blake Miller, Zachary J. Miller, Caleb Raber, Graham Renbarger, Lori Renner, Hannah Robbins, Olivia Schultz, Cameron Voss, Michael Yagodinski

Grade 10 - Rachel Biddle, Nolan Bigelow, Alyssa Chandler, Jared Delagrange, Taylor Edgar, Alex Emehiser, Brandon Foutz, Evan Fritz, Lindsey Foutz, Brandon Hathaway, Madelynne Hostetler, Tessa Kayser, Lily Keller, Katie Knoblauch, Ashley Koomler, Alyssa Miller, Kyle Nieuwlandt, Nicholas Patterson, Emily Potter, Sarah Pringle, Austin Szilagyi, Logan VanHorn, Luke Weible, Courtney Widdifield, Jared Yagodinski, Courtney Ziko, Cody Zink

Grade 11 - Alexander Brenneke, Bethany Carter, Cody Cashman, Kasey Dimke, Andrew Emehiser, Kristen Gerig, Dakota Gideon, Laura Good, Emily Gruber, Grace Keller, Megan Kirkwood, Alexandria Kizer, Alyson Knoblauchh, Bethany Lawrence, Rachel Miller, Ashley Neuenschwander, Stephanie Oberlin, Amy Potter, Garrett Renbarger, Ryan Rickert, Clint Romines, Jesse Schlie, Joseph Schlie, Patricia Sieger, Payton Spencer, Anthony Stites, Emily Thomas, Michael Whitcombe, Nathan Wiedemann

Grade 12 - Cortney Baker, Rebecca Berz, Benjamin Dehr, Jenna Delagrange, Elizabeth Dempsey, Serena Fuelling, Michael Gerbers, Celeste Grubaugh, Erin Gruber, Kayla Haag, Lindsay Hoffman, Sarah Hormann, Rebekah Jacobs, Brittney Kees, Zachary Kern, Michelle Kruse, Matthew Kurtz, Adrienne Lawson, Amanda Lawson, Kaley Lengacher, Corey Lininger, Danielle Meyer, Brandon Moses, Tyler Schmidtke, Luke Schwartz, Brittany Shinn, Alexandra Spindler, Brenda VanAlstine, Blake Weil, Ashley Wiedemann

Woodlan High Honors: B+ Average with no grades below a B-:

Grade 7 - Haley Badgers, Megan Benson, Nathan Brown, Tynan Easterday, Savannah Funk, Ava Geiger,

Dylan Gerig, Kendra Graber, Nathan Hammon, Caroline Hoepfner, Chase Hunt, Cameron Jefferies, Christopher Jefferies, Shelbi Kemp, Cheyenne Kling, Kaylee Moses, Kaleb Nelson, Jason Renner, Taylor Reuille, Chelsea Richhart, Kendra Saum, Pauline Spangler, Ivan Valentour Jr., Caitlin Widdifield, Jazmine Williams

Grade 8 - Michelle Aguilar, Alyssa Arnold, Ashley Baum, Morgan Franklin, Spencer Garstka, Tara Gerig, Alexis Gordon, Benjamin Gruber, Danielle Johnson, Keri Koenig, David Kurtz, Darlene Lengacher, Alyson Miller, Gena Oberlin, Burgundy Price, Malinda Schmucker, Melissa Shain, Shaylene Slone, Morgan Spencer, Caleb Stieglitz, Cathy VanAlstine, Sarah Voors, Rikkilee Werst, Raquel Wolff

Grade 9 - Logan Braaten, Erica Brandenburg, Edward Cook, Jaime Curtin, Marena Drewery, Andrea Emehiser, Alex Geiger, Caleb Hall, Gabriel Helmke, Devin Hoepfner, Chelsy Hoersten, Cory Hoersten, Katie Hormann, Joseph Lortie, Joseph McKinley, Alyssa McMichael, Misty McSorley, Timothy Nahrwold, Travis Normand, Joshua Numbers, Ayrika Pier, Daniel Roller, Logan Smead, Rachel Sowles

Grade 10 - Noah Bontrager, Dakota Bowser, Logan Buuck, Amber Delagrange, Rebecca Estell, Audrey Foster, Nathan Garstka, Kiah Gerig, Caleb Hathaway, Brock Hines, Erik Hockemeyer, Payton Hunt, Ryan Lengacher, Kyle Lininger, Trinity Meadows, Austin Jakob Mendenhall, Corrine Neal, Lindsey Pettyjohn, Jason Price, Shelby Reeb, Lexie Schmidtke, William Shain III, Leah Stutzman, Cody Waterman, Mariah Wynn

Grade 11 - James Brames, Jenna Delagrange, Grant Hall, Zachary Kashner, Cynthia Kreienbrink, Jason Maier, Brittany Patterson, Evan Powell, Brandi Rinehold, Jeremy Salmon, Jon Saylor, Ryan Spieth, Cameron Stieglitz, Werner Wolff, Lydia Yoder

Grade 12 - Sydney Antoine, Anthony Brenneke, Stephanie Byers, Andrew Collins, Stevie Erhardt, Trevor Faull, Austin Franklin, Angel Ganger, Miranda Haifley, Caleb Hazelett, Alycia Herndon, Chloe James, Emily Kuhn, Kyle Lake, Samantha Mrak, Kristina Schaeffer, Cassandra Schlie, Dustin Vetter, Charity Wendel, Brandon Woodcock, Nathan Yagodinski

Woodlan Honors: B+ Average with no grades below a B-:

Grade 7 - Chantey Baker, Joseph Felhofer, Jozef Hoot, Jacob Keller, Mackenzie Koomler, Elizabeth Sieger

Grade 8 - Stefani Curtin, Daniel Foust, Kelsey Szajna, Brienna Werling, Sara Woodcock

Grade 9 - Zachery Burchardt, Justin Fuelling, Justice Williams

Grade 10 - Alyssa Knoblauch, Bradley Nelson, Justin Normand, Caleb Perkins, Zachary Schwartz

Grade 11 - Kyle Conroy, Lauren Lockridge, John Meier

Grade 12 - Amy Numbers

SMILES AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW IN PAULDING COUNTY



Good 'ol Irish gang from the Gardens of Paulding!



PC Election Board Workers - JL O'Commers, BJ O'Crawford, and LK O'Adams.

V.E.T.S. CIVIL WAR LISTING "D-E"

To continue with our Civil War Veterans from Antwerp, these are the names we have for the monument listing:

Orlando F Damon, Albert L Darling, Jacob Delong, Charles H Dewey, Josephus Dille, Nathan C Doctor, Reuben F Doering, Willoughby H Doering, Jeremiah Donat, John Donat, Solomon Donat, Leroy Douglas, Samuel A Dowel, Joel Dressor, Reuben R Durfey, Daniel Duvall, Oliver E Duvall, Thomas M Eckenrhead, Perry Elliott, John Erter, William A Ewing

That's it for this week. Re-

member the last call for turning names and documents in is coming March 31. Don't leave your family members out—they were an important part of our community.

THANK YOU

A sincere Thank-You to my loving family for all their help and concern and to all of you who sent a card, brought food to us and most of all for your visits since my back surgery. All of it has made my recovery much easier. Again, Thank-You and may God bless each and everyone of you.

—Margaret Womack

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8. Paula Lichty 499
9. Mary Brown 477
10. Fay Sitton, Sue Molitor, Jesse Moreno 476

UNITED WAY OF PAULDING HAS NEW GRANT FUNDING

Emergency Food and Shelter Program has issued our new funding grant for 2010, Phase 28 funding may be applied for at the United Way Office and applications must be received by March 24, 2010. Only agencies currently in the business of providing emergency food and shelter may apply.

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WOODBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet on March 25th, 2010 at the Woodburn Branch Library at 7:00 p.m. Please bring and tell us your first memories of living in this community. All are welcome.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK TO HOST MEN'S TOURNAMENT

The Paulding Reservoir Park will host a Men's class D/E softball tournament on April 10th and 17th. The first 16 teams will play in this hit your own ball tournament. For more information or to register your team, please call 419-399-2981, or email, ronzneonz@hotmail.com

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY APRIL EVENTS

Smart Start Story time: Fridays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m. This Story time features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Yarn Lover's Gathering: Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 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.

Woodburn Lego Club: Monday, April 12, 4:00 p.m. Grades 3 and up can create

with Legos. Feel free to bring your own Legos with you if you like. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

Internet, Word Processing & E-mail Help:

By appointment. We offer computer classes. No previous computer knowledge is necessary. Each class lasts one hour. Call for an appointment.

HOP INTO THE LIBRARY FOR AN EASTER PARTY!

Spring is here and there's a bunny at the library! Children ages preschool through the first grade are invited to a special Easter Party in the Children's Room of the Paulding County Carnegie Library on Monday, March 29th. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. Children will enjoy stories, games and refreshments and visit with a special bunny who will sit with children for photos. Space is extremely limited for this event so pre-registration is required. Call the Children's Room at 419-399-2032 to register.

GMC ANNOUNCES ALL CONFERENCE LIST

FIRST TEAM: TJ Short, Antwerp 11; Logan Lucas, Antwerp 11; Sam Ewers, Ayersville 12; Bronson Knecht, Edgerton 12; Treg Lyman-stall, Tinora 12; Derrick Baksa, Wayne Trace 12

SECOND TEAM: Dallas Smith, Ayersville 11; Brock Mosier, Fairview 11; Ryan Aelker, Holgate 10, Jon Garmyn, Tinora 12; Landon Drews, Tinora 11; Caleb Davis, Wayne Trace 12

HONORABLE MENTION: John Rindhal, Antwerp 12; Chaz Waisner, Ayersville 12; Nathan Stark, Edgerton 10; Quenton Yoder, Fairview 11; Seth Klepper, Hicksville 10; Logan Gonzales, Holgate 12; Troy Guiliam, Tinora 10; Brett Beckman, Wayne Trace 12

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FUND-RAISER - EASTER BAKE SALE at the Amish Christian Day School, 07207 Hicksville-Edgerton Rd., Hicksville, OH 43526. Sat. March 27, 9-Noon. Noodles, pies, angelfood cakes, cookies, etc. Taking orders until March 20 for fried pies - apple, cherry, peach, blueberry, raisin, black raspberry, seedless red raspberry. Pick up Sat. March 27, 9-Noon @ bake sale. Call in orders, 419-542-7065. Leave name & phone # on answering service. Pies are \$1.25 ea. or \$13/dozen. 9-12p

TEXAS HOLD 'EM Tournament at Hicksville Eagles, March 27. Open to the public. Registration - Noon-1:00pm. Games start at 1:00.

HUSKIE PUPPIES: 7 weeks old, 1st shots, dewormed, \$150 female, \$100 male, red & white female pup \$200, 2 adult males \$100 ea. 419-594-3847. p

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DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IN THE WEST BEND NEWS IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!! DEADLINE FOR "FOR SALE BY OWNER IN THE WEST BEND NEWS" IS FRIDAYS AT 5PM!!

PAULDING TO HOST KELLY MILLER CIRCUS

It has been announced that the Paulding Lions Club has signed a contract with the Kelly Miller Circus for the exhibition of an all new 2010 show. The circus will roll into town on Friday, May 14, 2010. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the animals being unloaded and fed, and the elephants raising the big top. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the tent will be raised at 9:00 a.m. Guides will be furnished for school groups and anyone attending.

The traditional "old style" circus will present two performances at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. support the Paulding Lions - buy your tickets in advance and save. Contact a Lion's Club member or watch future ads in the West Bend News for ticket locations.

The 2010 season promises to be more exciting than ever with many new acts and entertainers to amaze and amuse you. Come out and enjoy a day of fun filled excitement at the circus.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/24 THROUGH 3/30

Breakfast: All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk

Lunch: 3/24 - Chicken nuggets or Walking taco, peas, peach crisp, milk; PLUS: salad bar or banana pudding

3/25 - Sausage sandwich or tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, bananas, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese w/fruit

3/26 - Cheese pizza or chicken salad sandwich, celery & carrots, applesauce, milk; PLUS: salad bar or Cook's choice

3/29 - Hamburger or Spicy chicken on bun, green bean casserole, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or Cook's choice

3/30 - bbq ribs or pizza, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup

Menus are subject to change at any time

LATTA STATEMENT ON HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE RECONCILIATION HEARING

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after voting against the House legislative vehicle which will be used for nonbinding motions to instruct to the Senate-passed health care reform bill during the House Budget Committee

reconciliation hearing.

"Today's reconciliation hearing is the first in a series of legislative gimmicks and procedures to drive this flawed health care bill through Congress. Because of the numerous problems with this bill, President Obama, Speaker Pelosi, and Majority Leader Reid must now resort to procedural antics to try to pass their bill as quickly as possible just as Americans learn about its details. Whether it is the \$1 trillion price tag, \$500 billion in Medicare cuts, rationing of health care, or an unprecedented expansion of the federal government that will put Washington bureaucrats directly between doctors and patients as they make health care decisions, a majority of Americans continue to oppose health care reform in the current legislation and the use of reconciliation to pass it."

Later during the reconciliation hearing, Congressman Latta offered a "Motion to Instruct" that if accepted by the committee, would prevent the establishment of new bureaucracies, boards, commissions, advisory panels, or other federally sponsored entities if this health care reform legislation becomes law.

"Real health care reform does not come in the form of government bureaucrats, red tape, and hoops to jump through as people make health care decisions with their doctors. As the federal government continues to grow at alarming rates at the cost of American taxpayers, we as a country simply cannot afford more programs or employees on the federal government payroll."

Congressman Latta will also speak in support of a Motion to Instruct sponsored by Congressman Devin Nunes (R-CA) that would protect American jobs and families by striking the mandates in this legislation that would increase business costs and raise individual taxes.

"With national unemployment near 10 percent, and Ohio's 10.8 percent unemployment rate, businesses and individuals are struggling to get by and this health care reform legislation only makes our economic climate worse with tax increases and mandates. If passed, this legislation would force businesses and individuals to pay thousands of dollars in taxes and penalties if they chose to not provide or purchase health care coverage. Provisions like this not only hurt our chances at a faster economic turnaround, but they also discourage small business creation and growth."

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The Village Utility Department intends to start hydrant flushing starting the week of March 15, 2010. The first area to be flushed will be located south of the Old U.S., 24 until April 1, 2010. Starting April 2, 2010, hydrants north of Old U.S. 24 will be flushed.
Residents may experience temporary discolored water during this process. If noticed, residents should run your tap water until the water is clear. This notice is being given to try to avoid discoloration to clothing during the flushing.
If you have questions, please call the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371

PUBLIC NOTICE
VILLAGE OF ANTWERP
Municipal Income Tax Payer Assistance Date
Saturday, March 27, 2010 - 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Village Hall, 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio
The Village of Antwerp wants to announce that representatives from CCA, the village's tax administrator, will be at town hall on **Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** to help village residents with their municipal income tax questions and assist in filling out their municipal income tax return. This is a free service - no appointment necessary. Call: 419-258-2371 for information.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Resolution 02-10 A Resolution to Increase Appropriations in Account 1000-730-313 (Propane Gas Service) for Fiscal Year 2010 and Declaring an Emergency.
To View a complete copy of the Resolution, please contact Carlene A. Turner, Clerk Treasurer at 419-399-3166 to schedule an appointment or view a posted copy at the Village of Cecil Firehouse and Cecil Post Office.
-Respectfully submitted, Carlene A Turner, Clerk-Treasurer

LATTA OPPOSES GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after voting against H. R. 3590, the Senate-passed health care bill.

"I was proud to stand with the majority of Americans who made it clear they did not want the House of Representatives to pass this Democrat health care bill. With tonight's vote, Speaker Pelosi, President Obama, Majority Leader Reid, and the overwhelming majority of Democrats in Congress cemented their legacy with the government takeover of one-sixth of our nation's economy and laying an unthinkable amount of debt and deficits at the feet of our children and grandchildren.

Without my vote, the House of Representatives passed the \$1 trillion dollar Senate-passed health care package littered with over \$500 billion dollars in tax hikes, over \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare, and an unprecedented expansion of Federal government bureaucracy. Instead of making health care choices with their doctors, Americans will now be forced to deal with Federal bureaucrats who will dictate their health care decisions. The Senate-passed bill also lacks the proper language to prevent abortions from being paid for by government funds.

In addition to opposing the Senate-passed health care bill, I also voted against the reconciliation proposal

which does nothing but make a bad bill worse. This evening prior to passage, we learned that the reconciliation bill is in serious danger of violating the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, leaving it open to a point of order when it reaches the Senate. This point of order would stop it from further proceedings and force the House to pass a new reconciliation bill.

Over the past year, Congress has debated health care reform where many proposals and ideas were introduced. Unfortunately as House Republicans offered multiple alternative packages and the American public continued to oppose the House-passed and Senate-passed bills, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid, as well as President Obama, ignored the need to start over with a true bipartisan proposal. The Democrat proposals, each over 2,000 pages long, were drafted without the openness and transparency that President Obama had promised to the American people over and over again in 2008. The negotiations were far from the scrutiny of the public eye and there was not enough public input. Even with eleventh-hour public meetings on health care reform, Democrat leadership kept a closed mind and never entertained anything but their legislation.

Even though a health care reform bill is on its way to the President for his signature, this battle is far from over and I look forward to standing with the American people as we continue to fight against this unprecedented government takeover of our nation's health care system."

WILL THE REAL SUE KNAPP PLEASE STAND UP?



The Sue Knapp story is not a secret as much as a confusion. Now we are giving you the scoop on the Paulding County Sue Knapps. Everything was fine until West Bend News came on the scene with Sue Knapp being involved.

When the first paper came out with an article by Sue Knapp, Sue Knapp was asked, "How do you have time to do cakes, work at Chief's and write for the WBN?"

Sue Knapp was asked, "Are you the one that bakes cakes?"

Still confused? Well, here is the real story: Sue Elaine (Cooper) Knapp was born in Paulding County. She worked for Chief's Supermarket for 21 years. She is also known for her awesome cakes. Sue and husband, Dennis, have two children and two grandchildren. She opened Susie's Family Bakery in December, with lots of help from her

family. Sue has also received Sue's birthday cards and someone asked her how could she write her own promo article for WBN?

Sue Ellen (Bradway) Knapp was born in South Bend, IN. She has worked in factories, retail, restaurants, and a private school. Sue, her husband Steve, and Bryce his wife, Angel started the West Bend News and Publishing almost five years ago. Sue sells ads, does interviews and works in the office.

Notice that Sue and Sue have the same middle initial and they are 10 years apart in age.

Sue and Sue have had a lot of fun with this confusion and are pleased that they have gotten to know each other.

Does this clear everything up? No? Still confused? That's okay, it's fun saying, "No that's the other Sue Knapp."

EARTHWORMS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

This is the time of year when earthworm activity can become obvious in your lawn. When the soil is moist and soil temperatures are above freezing but below 70 degrees, earthworms are extremely active. They feed at night on organic matter in the soil and deposit castings of soil and waste material, on the soil surface.

Earthworms are excellent aerators of the soil, creating up to 1,200 tunnels per square yard of soil, to depths of six feet or more. The tunnels, which are 1/8 to 1/4 inch in diameter, also serve as channels for plant roots and micro organisms, resulting in deeper-rooted plants and distribution throughout the soil profile of the beneficial oxygen-using microorganisms that are crucial to building good soil. Earthworms also mine minerals from the subsoil, carrying them upward into the topsoil in a natural tilling operation.

Earthworms also break down thatch and the other the raw materials of organic matter, and spread it evenly throughout the top 12 inches of soil, further improving the soil. Millions of beneficial bacteria that break down thatch are produced in the gut of earthworms. These bacteria, along with a superior fertilizer produced by earthworms, are put into the soil with earthworm "castings". This top quality fertilizer contains nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and many micro nutrients in a form all plants can use.

Earthworm castings contain five times more nitrogen, seven times more phosphorus, 11 times more potassium, and 1,000 times more beneficial bacteria than the material contained before the earthworm ingested it. In a 10 x 20 foot garden with only five earthworms per cubic foot of soil, over 35 pounds of this superior fertilizer is produced by the earthworms in a year. In healthy soil with a night crawler population of 25 per cubic foot of soil, more than 170 pounds of the highest grade fertilizer will be produced in a year in a 10 x 20 foot garden. This is more than 18.5 tons per acre per year.

Earthworm castings, especially night crawlers, can become hard and can make a lawn uneven and sometimes difficult to walk on, a trade-off for the effective aerating and fertilizing service. Since earthworms are beneficial, control measures are not required. Bumpiness is sparse, thin lawns will be less noticeable if a healthy thick turf is re-established through re-seeding and through proper fertilization, mowing and watering.

If treatment becomes necessary, the use of thatching or power rakes, adjusted so the teeth will drag through the earthworm mounds but not down into the turf grass crowns. This can also help level the mounds to some extent. Do this raking of mounds when the soil is slightly damp, but not wet. Then use light weight rollers to press mounds down. Do not use heavier weights because the soil could be compacted, which leads to another entire set of problem.

Remember earthworms are beneficial to the soil and make for a relaxing time of fishing.

SECOND "FUTURE OF OHIO" PACKAGE HAS TREMENDOUS SAVINGS

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

As a fiscal conservative, I have continued to advocate for sensible economic policies at a time when fiscal discipline seems to have been forgotten by Ohio's big spenders. After increasing state spending by \$1 billion, raising income taxes by 4.2 percent and imposing more than 150 new fines, fees and penalties, the Democrats have shown once again that tax-and-spending is the only strategy in their playbook.

The Ohio House is the "People's House," and I believe that lawmakers should be doing their best to serve their constituents instead of their political agendas. What the people of Ohio want is for their government to be transparent, accountable and responsible with their tax dollars. In response, House Republicans unveiled our second "Future of Ohio" collection of bills—the "Future of Ohio" government reform package. This package of ten bills would help address our state's floundering economy by reducing waste and inefficiency.

One area of waste is Ohio's Medicaid system, which has been growing uncontrollably and squandering your hard-earned tax dollars. In 2006, the Ohio auditor of state conducted an audit of our state's Medicaid expenditures and made cost-saving recommendations that could save the taxpayers \$400 million annually. However, very few of the recommendations have been implemented and Ohio's Medicaid expenditures are about 40 percent costlier than the national average.

I co-sponsored legislation that would help rein in the cost of Ohio's Medicaid system by reducing any ex-

cessive waste of tax dollars. House Bill 240, which was introduced by Representative Barbara Sears and is a vital component of the government reform package, would repair Medicaid inefficiencies and trim \$122 million in waste from the budget.

Maintaining my commitment to Ohio's taxpayers, I also co-sponsored an initiative to reduce waste by streamlining state agencies and eliminating duplicative or outdated programs. Currently, Ohio has 24 cabinet-level departments and more than 300 boards, commissions and task forces. The federal government, in comparison, only has 15 cabinet-level departments. House Bill 25, which was introduced by Representative John Adams, would fix these inefficiencies by creating a stronger, leaner government structure that is more accessible to the public without siphoning too much money from the taxpayers. This legislation would consolidate Ohio's 24 agencies into 11, which could save more than \$1 billion annually.

Reducing government waste is never a simple task, but we cannot tax our way to economic prosperity; we need to nurture our budding small businesses, attract new businesses, and keep our core agricultural industry strong. If lawmakers hope to bring Ohio back to prosperity, they first must bring Ohio back to fiscal responsibility.

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