

LICHTY - HUGHES



Frank Lichty and Kar-lann Lee would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Emily Jo Lichty of Antwerp, Ohio to Jeremy Eugene Hughes also of Antwerp. Jeremy is the son of Gary Hughes and Dorothy Hughes. Emily is employed at Dr. Todd Wiley's office in Antwerp. Jeremy is employed at Steel Dynamics in Butler, Indiana. The wedding is set for May 8, 2010 at Antwerp United Methodist Church.

The reception will be held at Grant's Reception Hall following the ceremony.

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Porter Auction will be hosting their 14th annual benefit for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The auction will be held on Saturday May 1st at 4:00 p.m. Many businesses and individuals from the Tri-State area have donated items.

Among the items are: food, pizza certificates, car washes, 9' umbrella, pedal cars, Ohio State Cornhole games, John Deere Cabinet, Ohio State 2010 Rose Bowl Picture, King's Island Tickets, R&K Ranch Gift Certificate, Ohio State Lantern, Spiderman Motorized kids, 4-wheeler with 6 volt battery and much much more.

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For more information call 419-587-3511. Porter Auction is located on 19326 Road 60, Grover Hill, Ohio.

PRETTY 'N PINK - RALLY FOR LIFE



Girls Varsity Softball rivals, Hicksville and Antwerp rallied together for breast cancer awareness, raising funds for Relay for Life Thursday, April 22. The game was close throughout all seven innings. The Archers ended up taking the win 1-0. Great job ladies for working together on this cause! More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jebadiah Eugene Budd was born at 12:04 a.m. on April 21, 2010 to John Budd and Terra Schooley of Hicksville. Jebadiah weighed in at 7lb. 11oz. and was 20.7 inches long.

Jebadiah has a sibling, Tiera Marie Schooley.

Proud grandparents are Lisa Schooley of Fort Wayne, IN; Kevin Schooley from Hicksville, OH and Jody and Bill Budd from Wauseon, OH.

Proud great-grandparents are Betty Smith from Hicksville, OH; Fran Ehlerding from Fort Wayne, IN; Fred and Sharon Fitzerider from Defiance,

OH and Robina Budd from Continental, OH.

Also congratulating and recognizing the birth of Jebadiah is the many proud aunts, uncles and cousins.

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OBITUARIES

Brenda Jo Cox, 56, of Peru, Indiana died Friday, April 23, 2010 at the Paulding County Hospital Paulding, Ohio.

She was born in Terra Haute, Indiana on August 27, 1953. On December 3, 2007 she married Robert E. Cox, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Brooky (Randy) Tressler of Paulding; step-children: Christina Hicks and Bobby Dennis both of Paulding, Grace Banks, Darla Payton, and Donald Cox all of Fort Wayne, IN; 14 grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her first husband Billie Black in 1996.

Funeral services were conducted April 27, 2010 at the Pentecostal Church of God Paulding, Ohio. Pastor Tony Echols officiated. Burial followed at St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio.

The family request memorial contributions in memory of Brenda Jo Cox to be made to Den Herder Funeral Home: P.O. Box 27 Paulding, Ohio 45879. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Freeland Adkins, 87, of Paulding died Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Defiance Area

Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance.

He was born October 21, 1922 in Harts, West Virginia the son of Isaiah and Leota (Caldwell) Adkins. On October 16, 1945 he married Lelia Campbell who preceded him in death in 1997. On March 14, 1998 he married Pauline Dunham who survives. He was an U.S. Army veteran serving during WWII. After 18 years, he retired from GM Powertrain, Defiance in 1984 and was the pastor for the former Freewill Baptist Church, Cecil Ohio. He attended the Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline of Paulding; a son, Kenneth (Marsha) Adkins of Defiance; a daughter, Donna (Bob) Hawkins of Hudson, MI; a step-son, Gene Dunham of Urbana, OH; a step-daughter, Alice Dunham of Paulding; one brother, George Adkins of Jericho, TN; two sisters: Florence Hisaw of Mississippi and Brookie Spence of Celina, OH; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Lelia; four brothers: Amos, Albert, Tilman, and Herbert Adkins; and four sisters: Garnet and Ivie Adkins, Ann Vance and

Easter Mitchell.

Funeral services were April 28, 2010 at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Kim Semran officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery where the Paulding V.F.W. Post #587 accorded military graveside rites.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Paulding Church of the Nazarene or to the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

Helen Cluts, 85, of Payne passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

Helen was born in Convo, Ohio on March 8, 1925, a daughter of the late Edith (Black) and William McCollum. She was a homemaker; a member of Saint Jacobs United Church of Christ and the Payne American Legion Auxiliary.

On February 9, 1946 she married Harry Cluts, who survives.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Harry of Payne; daughter, Vickie (John) Beecher; grandson, Matthew (Richelle) Wells; great-granddaughters: Abby and Emma all of Lafayette, IN.

She is preceded in death by her siblings: Betty and Walter McCollum.

Her funeral service was at Saint Jacobs United Church of Christ, 207 W. Oak, Payne, on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Rev. James Langham officiated.

She was laid to rest at Wiltsie Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Deborah Jean Jenkins, 57, of Payne passed away suddenly Monday, April 19, 2010 in a two vehicle accident in Payne.

Deb was born in Paulding on March 7, 1953, a daughter of Jean (Johnston) and the late Howard Young. She worked for 20 years at Union State Bank, Payne and nine years at Gordon Tool, Payne. Deb was a member of the Ohio Master Gardeners of Paulding County and the Payne Church of Christ. On April 20, 1976 Deb married Allen Jenkins, who survives.

Deb will be sadly missed by her husband, Al; mother, Jean Young; sister, Karen Neff; brother, John (Patty) Young all of Payne.

Her funeral service was at Payne Church of Christ, 220 W. Merrin St., Payne, on Friday, April 23, 2010. Rev. Dan Staifer officiated. She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ohio Master Gardeners of Paulding County or Lynn Mansfield Dog Rescue Efforts. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

L. Dennis Miller, 66, of Paulding and formerly of Defiance, passed away Saturday, April 24, 2010 at CHP Defiance Area In-Patient Hospice Center.

He was born June 7, 1943, at Wauseon, the son of Emil and Ruth (Pursel) Miller. He married DeEtta Kiessling in 1963 and they later divorced. He married Eva Bechtel on February 17, 1996. He worked at LaChoy Food Products and Sauder Woodworking Co., both in Archbold. He served nine years in the Army National Guard, and was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife, Eva; two daughters: Laurene (Mark) Willitzer and Wendy (Jon) Tillery both of Paulding; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Dale (Nancy) Miller of Fremont; two sisters: Betty (Ben) Ashbaugh of West Unity and Clara Irene (Frank) Garza of Archbold.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, DeEtta; and a grandson, David (JR) Kulwicki Jr.

Private graveside service were held in the Lockport Cemetery, rural Stryker, with Pastor Charles Gautsche of-

ficiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Short Funeral Home to help with expenses.

LESSONS FROM A MOTH

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Don Marquis conceived of the following conversation which I have adjusted and edited. It struck rather close to home; see if it does the same for you.

I was talking to a moth the other evening. He was trying to break into an electric bug zapper and fry himself on the wire. "Why do you guys pull that stunt?" I asked. "Just because every other moth does it? Don't you realize that you will eventually become a small, unsightly cinder if you keep it up? Don't you have any sense?"

"Plenty of it," replied the moth, "but at times we get tired of using it. We get bored with the routine and crave beauty and excitement. We know if we get too close to the electric wires or to a burning candle, it will kill us. But it hasn't happened yet. Me? I've beat the odds. And besides, I'm not that interested in just flying around in the dark. This light is where it's happening! How could 300 flying insects be wrong?"

And before I could argue him out of his philosophy, he went ahead and fried himself on 110 volts of current. Not very smart, I thought to myself. But then I thought of how that moth represented so many people I see every day. They are aimlessly wandering in the dark, not particularly interested in the dull existence they carry out. And so they begin chasing after beautiful lights that have amazing allurements and promise excitement. They drink, mess around with drugs, get involved in affairs, party or



they even throw themselves 100% into seemingly worthwhile stuff. Like their jobs, or some outside interest, all because they are bored, tired of life and looking for something that will give them a thrill. After all, they reason, how could so many people be wrong? And besides, we haven't gotten burned yet (interesting word—yet).

I began thinking, too, that sometimes I am tempted to adopt the philosophy of that moth. You know what I'm talking about. Sometimes as I plod through my days, week after week, I'm faced with the routine and the ordinary. A lot of times there are gray days of just chugging along. And the enemy whispers into my ear, "Why not fly toward that beautiful light and try some new excitement?"

It's at a point that we all need to say "No". James tells us in James 4:7, "Submit yourself to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you." The way to find lasting fulfillment, pleasure and excitement is not in caving in to the devil's enticements and heading toward his allurements. The answer, according to the scriptures, is to draw near to God. To position myself toward the true light, Jesus Christ and His Word which is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Perhaps you're being tempted to chuck it all. Maybe you're wondering in the dark, considering becoming involved in something you know could be dangerous. A simple piece of advice for you. Don't. Eventually, you will lose. You'll get zapped and it won't have been worth it. I know. I've seen the charred remains of hundreds of 'bored moths' to prove it. They thought they could 'light up' their lives. They did... and got burned.

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A very welcome addition to the Manor House family is Fred and Mary Jane Ruess. Fred and Mary Jane moved to Paulding County about eight years ago to be closer to their daughter and her family. They had lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan all of their lives. Fred and Mary Jane met in Junior High, married after high school and raised two children, a son, Jack, and a daughter, Cheri. They lost 1 son as an infant.

While living in Michigan, Fred worked for the Cadillac Supply Company. He worked for the company for over 30 years. He also spent many

years as a part-time police officer and volunteer fireman. Mary Jane had several secretarial jobs while raising their children. Mary Jane also enjoyed crocheting, quilting and raising orchids. She continues to enjoy raising birds.

Living at the Manor House allows Fred and Mary Jane to be close to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and they enjoy that!

They both love the friendly atmosphere and the variety of fun activities each day.

The Manor House enjoys and welcomes Fred and Mary Jane!

THE MEASUREMENT OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

In a recent conversation, I was asked, "How would you measure whether someone is growing in the Lord?"

Religion would say that we measure it by church attendance, financial giving, bible study, and prayer. Those might provide us with concrete methods of measurement, but if we use them as our criteria, even the Pharisees would have a dynamic spiritual life. We're called to something much more significant than just a few religious rituals.

The true rule of measurement should be Jesus' teachings. To him, the greatest commandments were summed up in two: Love of God and love of neighbors. Loving God is pretty intangible; it's not something we can see. We can't measure it by how often, loud, or passionately someone sings songs of praise. We can't measure it by how frequently someone attends services at a church. My knowledge of Scripture is no evidence of my love for God. All of the typical measurements that we like to fall back on do not really tell us if we are growing spiritually.

The Apostle John explained how we love God. He said that if we claim to love God but do not love the people around us, then we are lying (1 John 4:19-21). Our love of God is shown in only one legitimate way, and that is by loving people. If our love for our neighbors does not increase, then we are not loving God.

Unfortunately, we often make the mistake in thinking that loving people is telling them the truth. That's not the case. We need to be prepared to let them know the truth when they ask about our love, but we love whether or not we get an opportunity to preach the message with words.

Our vision at Riverside is to be a real, authentic community in Christ, have a passion for Jesus and His work, and to love people around us in tangible ways. It is our hope that through doing this, people's lives will be transformed and God will add to our number. It culminates in us loving God. If our life together and our passion for Jesus do not lead to us loving

people, then all of the religion is meaningless.

The measurement of spiritual growth is not measured in how excited we are, in how knowledgeable we are, in how devoted we are, or any other religious criteria; it's measured in whether our love for others is increasing. Are we spending more time now loving our neighbors, co-workers, and friends? Are we looking for opportunities to share God's love by helping meet people's physical needs throughout the day? Are we encouraging others? Those are the true measurements of spiritual growth.

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS

The Antwerp V.F.W. Auxiliary has a dinner the first Wednesday of every month at the V.F.W. Hall in Antwerp. Hope to see you on May 5th at noon.

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their busy time of year. There are several events planned for the summer that should draw people into our community.

Earlier this year the new officers assumed their duties, they are: President Mike Renno of Village Hardware, Vice-President Sue Knapp of West Bend News; Cheryl Lichty continues to be secretary/treasurer. The Chamber is grateful for these persons filling these volunteer positions.

At the April meeting village administrator, Sara Keeran, shared some of the events being planned for the weekend of June 25, 26 & 27 in the multi-county area. Antwerp has not yet finalized their plans but will be making them known to the community very soon. That weekend will also be the community garage sales sponsored by The Chamber.

The 10th in a series Memories of Antwerp ornament has been ordered. It will bear a drawing of the relocated Veterans Memorial in Riverside Park. A portion of the sales will go to the V.E.T.S. organization.

With the arrival of spring, the planters that beautify Main Street will be replanted and put into place and the village personnel will be hanging the summer banners on the Main Street light posts. These efforts as well as those of shop owners to beautify our downtown areas are very much appreciated.

Day in the Park will be upon us before we know it. As always this is the second Saturday of August. In 2010 that date is August 14. Various chamber members take responsibility for various work area such as the Classic Car Cruise-in, Food Vendors, Entertainment, Games and Activities, Craft Vendors, etc. Volunteers are always welcome to help in any of these areas. To offer your services please contact the chamber at 419-258-1722 or PO Box 1111, Antwerp Ohio 45813.

Elaine Philips of the Manor House reported that they will be hosting a Movie Night for the public on April 23 in the Manor Gymnasium. This is a new venture for them and should be fun to attend.

The next meeting of the Antwerp Chamber will be May 11 at 12:30 at the Essen House Restaurant.

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PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST IN OAKWOOD

Oakwood Fire Department is hosting a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast with the proceeds going to Relay for Life.

The breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 7:00-11:00 a.m. at the Oakwood Fire Department. The menu includes: pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy, and eggs (to order) with toast.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

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4/13 - Joann Perl, Paulding
4/17 - David Hill, Antwerp

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4/17 - Joann Perl, Paulding

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have several points to bring up about the EACS School Board meeting from

April 20th.

First, it was great that there was standing room only. Unfortunately, it didn't accomplish anything.

Paul Harding area parents: you need to be asking the Board and Mrs. Greene why your three area schools (Paul Harding, Prince Chapman, and Village) are NOT getting 30% of the EACS budget "pie" when you have 30% of the EACS enrolled students. To quote Mrs. Greene about why they don't want to lose your schools, "it would financially hurt the District." (So you have 30% of the students but your money goes to other schools in the District?) Along with that, if "everyone" has known about the AYP score failings at these schools, what help has been given to change that before they had to remove the Principal, Dr. Brown?

Second, per an article in the newspaper about the new teacher contract, class size caps are out. Direct translation? Classrooms are going to become more crowded. And they want school scores to go up? Really?

Last, there are more budget cuts coming. The Board

and Mrs. Greene have said this repeatedly. Direct translation? School buildings are going to get closed.

How do the parents and students of EACS avoid this? Break up the District. It is too big to respond to its constituents. The point of its existence is to educate children, not destroy communities and force our children into ever-larger buildings where they become nameless faces in a crowd just so "we" can have one of the largest school districts in Indiana.

—Peter Estell, Woodburn Parent

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We are writing this letter in support of the (1)-mill levy for the Board of D.D. in Paulding County.

Our daughter attends P.C. Workshop. She loves going to work and receiving a paycheck. It makes her proud. She has friends and does activities that helps her socially and mentally. All of this with the help of excellent staff at the workshop.

If it wasn't for the Parc Lane School and P.C. Work-

shop we would not be living in this county.

—Paul & Shirley Cramer
Many other letters were submitted in support of PCBDD

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I love winter! Everything looks so quiet, peaceful, and clean under that blanket of sparkling white snow. Now that the snow has all melted, has anyone noticed how much trash is lying along our ditches and roadways? What a mess! All of this trash is not only an eye-sore, but a hazard to our environment and wildlife. Also, after a conversation with the County Engineering Department, I learned that some of the flooding we see around our county is caused by debris caught in the drainage tiles. Makes sense, the water cannot flow correctly if the tiles are clogged. My purpose in writing is to extend a challenge... I would like to challenge everyone to take a walk this summer and pick up just one garbage bag full of trash along your way. One bag full may not seem like much, but it will be a start to improving our county. If you cannot accept my challenge, please, at least commit to not throwing items out of your car window! Are you up for the challenge? Respectfully,

—Stacy Jackson

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vanishing Freedoms

When we formed our near 'perfect union' each of us (believing in our founders) have a particular spirit that opposed any idea of servitude from the tyrants and despots, choosing rather God given free will.

As long as the family of 'perfect union' lasts, the man who struggles against tyranny is never alone. Now, however, the constant oppression dampens the flames of liberty.

Unburdened of the weight of public esteem Congress (within our division) can indulge without fear, the intoxication of power.

If there were a way to extract greed and corruption in Congress, would then freedom ring? Human nature in politicians drives corruption, the root of all evil.

Special interests works both sides of the fence. Lobbyists for gun control are welcomed in protection of our rights. Lobbyists for greed protect only a few. Liberals have this great notion to help all mankind, that in itself is a novel ideal. Who's not for helping someone? A hand up as opposed to a hand out.

Every person in our perfect union should have all the benefits our great nation provides, provided they pay for it, like the millions of us do. Remember, Washington has no money to enhance their dream at social justice.

Constitutional law was written to enhance individual rights over all else. I shudder to think the outcome of our great nation if law on its own fails to protect our laws. The laws given to all citizens that have first prepared us for freedom and afterwards permits us to use those laws are an absolute to all. Not just the few who feel they are above it.

When the President stated, "The Constitution merely restricts the government from doing what is right for

all people," gives him the notion later stated, "we need a civilian force in place, equally funded." The magnitude of these statements should frighten every citizen that lives within the boundaries of freedom. These elected on capital hill are preparing for anarchy! God forbid.

History has repeatedly shown us the outcome when citizens are pressed into servitude. There can be no time for ignorance in these matters. Your attention ought to be focused on the progressive manner that the Constitution is being altered to benefit these criminals in Washington, D.C.

A democratic congressman being questioned about the constitutionally of the health care bill stated, "I don't care what the constitution says."

Someone is paying that man \$174,000 a year to represent that State's people. Do all those people assume that truth? Another democrat congressman refused to pass a bill allowing \$8,000 to go to Guam because he thought "the island of Guam would tip over and everyone who lived there would drown in the ocean." What people voted him into office? Obviously, that congressman can't join the Circle of Knowledge.

Shall I acquit a man with dishonest scales with a bag of false weights?

—James Powell

REMEMBER THE CLOTHING BANK IN WOODBURN!

Woodburn city wide garage sale is May 8th. If your stuff doesn't sell remember your neighbors in need. Donate it to the Woodburn Community Clothing Bank at its new location at 22927 Park Lane in Woodburn. Former location was at the American Legion Post 377.

NEW SOCCER LEAGUE BEGINS FOR OLDER KIDS

A new Soccer Association for Youth (SAY) league is being formed. SAY provides opportunities for kids to continue playing past the age that Kiwanis' league allows. SAY is a traveling league where Paulding County kids play as a team both home and on the road against other nearby communities. SAY Soccer is an age based league with a 10-11 year old group that will play games on Monday and Wednesdays and 12-13

ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2010

Defiance County:

Ohio 66, and Ohio 66 interchange with U.S. 24, Defiance - Work continues on the Ohio 66 (Clinton Street) bridge over U.S. 24 which was closed March 1 for five months for bridge replacement, widening and ramp reconstruction. Southbound traffic detoured onto U.S. 24 west to SR 15/18 to U.S. 24 east back to SR 66. Northbound traffic detoured onto U.S. 24 east to SR 281 (Domersville Road) to U.S. 24 west back to SR 66. Traffic on U.S. 24 is not currently affected.

Traffic on Ohio 66 from the U.S. 24 interchange to Sessions Avenue is currently one lane in each direction to allow for drainage work in preparation for widening and the installation of a raised curb median. The project will continue through October. Work is being performed by Mosser Construction, Fremont.

Ohio 15 from the Defiance corporation limit to the Williams County line - Berm work will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Paulding County:

U.S. 127 north of Paulding - Sealing of pavement cracks will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 637 bridge (5-span) over the Auglaize River, between Ohio 111 and Ohio 66 east of Junction - Bridge repairs will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone during daytime hours only beginning April 19. Traffic will be maintained with flaggers. The project will continue until mid July. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel Construction, Napoleon.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Shasta. She is a one to two year old black labrador mix. She was picked up as a stray, so we do not know much about her history. Shasta is a nice girl and thrives on affection.

Also at the shelter we have several labradors black, yellow, and chocolate. Kelly, the beagle mix; and Katie, a very cute yellow mix breed dog with freckles.

This is the time of year to be sure to have your dog checked for heart worms and to make sure they are on a monthly preventative. We had several heart worm positive dogs in the county last year, so it is very important to keep your dogs up to date with testing and prevention. Heart worm infection is a serious medical condition that will be fatal if left untreated.

Come out and visit the dogs on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The dogs can always be seen on petfinder.com and adoptapet.com

VANTAGE WELCOMES ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

School board members, treasurers and superintendents from Vantage home schools along with Ohio State Representative Lynn Wachtmann enjoyed the thirty-third annual All Boards Dinner, presented with a German flair. The guest speaker for the evening was Ryan Saxe, who has been working as the Lincoln County West Virginia Ag Education teacher for the past five years. He also serves as the FFA Advisor and Assistant Principal for LCHS.

The regular monthly meeting of

the Vantage Board of Education was held prior to the All Boards Dinner. The treasurer's report included the approval of the March 4, 2010 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of February, 2010. The board approved a resolution requiring the Treasurer to credit the earning made on the investment of the principal of the moneys in the 004 fund. The board also approved a resolution to authorize the Treasurer to return Vantage Career Center's allocation of the Qualified School Construction Bonds back to the OSFC due to no additional benefits from this source of financing.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided an OSFC Construction project update and the Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations were reviewed.

In new business, the board:

****Approved employment of the following, as needed, as scheduled:** One year contracts to: Kristy Bidlack, Culinary Arts, Pamela Hickey, Ottoville FCS Instructor, Duane Sheets, Science, Susan Smith, Cosmetology; Two year contracts to: Lucy Bambauer, Delphos Ag Instructor, Jill DeWert, Interactive Media, Katie Drerup, Science, Scott Elwer, Delphos Ag Instructor, Brian Merce, Paulding Ag Instructor, Sarah Noggle, Paulding Ag Instructor, Lynda Ragan, Van Wert FCS Instructor, Bob Spath, PLTW Instructor, Van Wert, Mike Villena, Auto Body Instructor and Brent Wright, Welding; Four year contracts to: Tammy Deitsch, Guidance Counselor, Susan Farr, Special Education Instructor, Jim Fisher, Guidance Counselor, Linda McKitterick, Business Instructor, Jerry Robinson, Carpentry Instructor; Continuing contracts to: Kelly Horstman, Math, Adam Lee, Social Studies, Theresa Ratliff-Dotterer, English, Ben Winans, Attendance/Discipline.

****Accepted the resignations of Nora Sue Helle, Paulding FCS, Nancy Potter, Adult Education and Tom Mershman, Student Services Supervisor, all for the purpose of retirement;**

****Approved a supplemental contract for Theresa Mengerink, Teaching American History Grant Advisory Board;**

****Employed the following Adult Education instructors as needed, as scheduled:** Theresa Mengerink and June Turner, ABLE Instructors and Annette Klinger, Secretary/Monitor;

****Approved the revised policy 1540 Administration-Suspension of Administrative Contracts;**

****Approved an overnight field trip for one advisor and one student to Anaheim, California for National BPA Contest from May 5 to May 9, 2010;**

****Approve an overnight field trip to Columbus, Ohio for Cosmetology students to take State Boards test on May 3, 2010;**

****Accepted a donation valued at \$621 from Crown Equipment Company for the purpose of educational training in the Trade and Industry Programs;**

****Approved the selection of Lawhon & Associates to provide maintenance advisor services for the Vantage construction project;**

****Amended the dates of the Haiti trip to May 2 to May 10, 2010;**

****Resolution to approve a 2010 Summer Physical education course at Vantage Career Center;**

****Resolution to amend the contract for Bob Vennekotter to include a wireless internet card.**

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room.

THANK YOU

Thank you to my family and friends who sent cards, wishes and calls to help me celebrate my 90th birthday.
—Elizabeth Paulus

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS POLLING LOCATIONS

The Board of Elections of Paulding County, Ohio, wishes to inform voters that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of May, 2010 at the following locations:

Auglaize Township - Fire House at SR 637 and RD 169; Blue Creek Township - Haviland Community Center, 201 Vine St.; Brown East and Oakwood, and Brown West and Melrose - Oakwood Fire and EMS Station, 201 N. Sixth Street; Antwerp Village and Carryall Township - Divine Mercy Hall, 303 W Daggett St.; Crane Township and Cecil - Cecil Fire House, 301 Third Street; Emerald Township - Township House at Rd. 133 and Rd. 218; Benton Township and Payne Village and Harrison Township and Payne Village - Payne Legion Hall, 229 N Main St.; Jackson Township and Broughton - Township House at Rd. 126 and Rd. 131; Paulding Village 1,2 and 3 - County Extension Building at Fairgrounds; Latty Township and Grover Hill - Township House, 204 E Jackson St.; Paulding Township and Latty Village - Township House at SR 500 and Rd. 87; Washington Township - Township House, SR 114 and Rd. 177

For the purpose of choosing the following offices: Governor and Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Auditor of State; Secretary of State; Treasurer of State; United States Senator; Representative to Congress (5th District); Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (one commencing 1/1/11 and one commencing 1/2/11); Judge of the Court of Appeals 3rd District (one commencing 2/9/11 and one commencing 2/11/11); Member of State central Committee one Man and one Woman (1st Senate District); 2 Members of State Central Committee (5th Congressional District-Libertarian Party); State Senator (1st District); State Representative (75th District); Judge of the court of Common Pleas (General Division); Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Probate and Juvenile Division); County Commissioner; County Auditor and determining the following questions or issues: State Issue 1; State Issue 2; Issue 3 Antwerp Local School District-Income Tax Renewal; Issue 4 Paulding County Senior Center, renewal; Issue 5 Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities, renewal.

The Polls for the Election will open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4.

Please vote and help make Paulding the county with the best voter turnout in Ohio.

Should you have any questions, you may contact the Paulding County Board of Elections at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879, telephone number (419)399-8230. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Additional hours for the election are Saturday May 1st 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman
George Washington and Ohio

George Washington is my patriotic hero and I have one room in my house devoted to his colonial period with his picture hung above the fireplace mantel. Many books and organizations differ slightly about his life but here are a few things of major interest.

In 1975 The Daughters of the American Revolution leased the entire steamboat Delta Queen for a week to take a trip from Pittsburgh to Louisville on the Ohio River to mark the places where George Washington had landed as a young man while he was a surveyor. They made stops and ceremonies and placed markers at each one. I was fortunate enough to be a member at that time and was a personal page to the State Regent. Side trips to the Golden Lamb at Lebanon and other interesting trips had also been on the agenda. I remember passing Blannerhassett Island in the Ohio River.

In the Autumn of 1770 Washington himself left Mt. Vernon at the age of 54 to take a trip into the Ohio country. Traveling the old Braddock Trail to Fort Pitt where he was joined by Col. William Crawford, they went by large canoe with several friends, drifting down the Ohio River. On the way, journals record several observations were made.

At the Great Kanawha, they made camp for several days George Washington located a tract of 10,000 acres of land for himself. He was not only traveling by canoe, but part of the trip was with Crawford on foot in order to gain a more thorough knowledge of the Ohio country.

Washington loved the Ohio country and the trip, and later during the Revolution when the victory seemed uncertain, he contemplated, in the case of failure, to build an American government in the Northwest which was the "Ohio Country".

Settling and developing the vast territory was the keenest interest to Washington and "Father of our Country". He corresponded with many people with concern about the settlers welfare which are on file in our nation's archives.

KINDERGARTEN ESCAPADES AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Captain X has been lurking around Oakwood Elementary. He took the letter X cards from the Kindergarten alphabet lines. He left many clues and they led us to a very sweet treasure. Here are some K-B Super Kids enjoying their sweet X treats.

If George Washington could return today to "The Ohio Country" it's certain that he would be thrilled at the success story it has written. He wanted the Canals, also. George died in 1799 before much of the above came to pass, but his very honorable mention in history will never be forgotten as he is remembered as the "Father of our country."

Note: The Maumee and Auglaize Rivers were familiar to George Washington even though he probably was never on them. It's certain that he studied them on maps because of Indian Wars and the British Forts in the Ohio Country.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)

The West Ohio Food Bank is pleased to announce that we have collaborated with Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS) to provide our seniors with a nutritionally balanced box of food. This program is called Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): CSFP is a way of ensuring nutritionally balanced meals for seniors.

They receive a 40 pound box of food each month. The average box includes cereal, cheese, powdered and canned milk, vegetables, canned fruits and juices, canned meats, dry beans, rice and pasta.

To qualify, a person must be 60+ years of age. Income guidelines apply. Applications for this program are available through West Ohio Food Bank.

West Ohio Food Bank will have a maximum caseload based on the number of slots funded for the program year. Each participating senior must be recertified each year. A notice of eligibility will be sent to all applicants. If you have not received your recertification letter, you are still eligible to receive the CSFP food box.

If you have any questions, or would like an application, please call Nikki or Emily at West Ohio Food Bank at 419-222-7946.

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THE LIFE OF KIT CARSON CONTINUED...

By: Stan Jordan

On the night of May 9, 1846, Carson and some trappers were attacked by some natives. Two of Carson's friends were killed by some Indians who had crept into the camp. By the time all were awakened they had killed two more whites. One of the attackers was judged to be a Klamath Lake Native.

To avenge these deaths, Fremont's Brigade raided a Klamath Lake fishing village, this place was called Dokowas, at the junction of Williamson River and Klamath Lake on May 10, 1846. The attack completely destroyed the whole village. They killed women and children and warriors. Carson was nearly killed by a native. Carson's rifle misfired and the warrior drew a poison arrow but Carson overcame the native with his horse and saved himself.

In later years most people think Carson and Fremont took their revenge out on the

wrong village. It should have been the Modocs and not the Klamath Indians. Fremont then went south to Sacramento and caused some more trouble.

A group of Mexicans murdered two Americans, and Fremont locked up a couple Mexicans and the Mayor of a town called Sonoma. On June 26, 1846, a father of a set of twin cousins came over across San Francisco Bay to visit their cousins in jail. Fremont ordered Carson to execute the visitors. Carson almost refused the order, but realized it was a direct order and all his life he hated that ordeal.

Fremont's Battalion, of which Carson was chief scout for years, moved on down south towards San Diego.

Commander Stockton rode down to Monterrey and made plans to capture Los Angeles and San Diego. Stockton made Carson a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and that started his Army career.

On August 17, 1846, Stockton declared California to be U.S. Territory then Stephen W. Kearney rode into Santa Fe, New Mexico and declared all of that territory for the United States.

Both Stockton and Fremont wanted to get all of this news to President Polk, so they asked Carson to get to Washington, D.C. as fast as possible, in 60 days. But the situation changed and the job was given to another courier.

Now Carson guided Kearney's group back from L.A.

to close to San Diego and that was the site of the Battle of San Pasquale. That, I told you about last week. That was a loss to the Mexicans by the U.S. Calvary.

Fremont sent Carson to carry messages to President Polk in Washington. This he did and he met all of the big wigs there. He was well known and respected. President Polk had him travel back to the west with messages and return to Washington with all the news and information.

This he done well and after a while—and Fremont's Expeditions were all over—he decided to settle down with his wife Josefa and take up ranching and farming. It was now 1849.

By now Carson had become a hero through the dime novel writers. Carson was a very good man, but he didn't like the publicity those novels brought. Carson fashioned a treaty with Mutche, Utah, Arapaho and the Pueblo of Taos. He was trusted by the Indians and the whites.

He was an Indian Agent for Northern New Mexico. Most agents were as crooked as could be, but Carson was well liked by the Indians as he helped then whenever he could.

When the Civil War started in 1861, Carson was made a full Colonel in the New Mexico Volunteers. Now this was on the Union side, but just as many of the townspeople backed the Confederates.

Well, Carson, was into all

kinds of raids and campaigns against the Indian. This went on many years while the Civil War carried on in the south and east.

After the war, Carson was appointed Commander at Fort Garland, Colorado, the heart of Ute country. He made many friends with the Utes and assisted in the relations with them. In 1867, he escorted four UTE Chiefs to Washington to see the President and to seek additional government assistance.

This was a successful trip and the President did appreciate his help.

Carson returned home and his wife soon gave birth to their 8th child and then died.

Carson died a month later on May 3, 1868. He was 58 years old and suffered an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

His reputation lived on for many years. The Navaho's said he was a just and good warrior and knew how to fight Indians.

There has been many books, stories, movies and other reports of his life, but one biographer said of Carson's life and assistance in settling the west, 'was not overrated'.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Blonde Lady Undertaker

A lady went into the local mortuary to make arrangements for her deceased husband. He has on a very nice expensive black silk Italian suit, but she wanted him buried in a light blue suit with a thin white pin stripes. The funeral director was a woman and she replied, "That is a fine suit he is wearing."

The lady said, "I want him put away in a light blue suit with a thin white pin stripe. Here is a blank check to cover the cost. The cost is not a problem."

She went back in about noon the following day to view the body. Her husband was laid out in a fine light blue suit with a narrow white pin stripe, just as she asked.

She was very elated and told the undertaker so and the undertaker handed back her blank check.

The lady was aghast, "Why are you returning my check? That is a beautiful suit!"

Then the undertaker said, "Well, after you left another lady came in and her husband had a fine light blue suit like you wanted for your husband. She wanted a fine black Italian suit for her husband, like yours was wearing... so I just changed their heads."

See Ya!

CHANGES TO THE KELLY MILLER CIRCUS INFO

The Kelly Miller Circus, that's taking place on May 14, 2010, has changed the time for its tent raising the morning of the performances. The tent raising will take place at 9:40 a.m.

Also changing for the event is when you purchase pre-sale tickets for either showing of the Kelly Miller Circus, your name will be entered into a drawing for a wide selection of door prizes. These prizes include a 19" flat screen Hi-Def TV (sponsored by Don &

Perry's and the Lion's Club); Hometown Pizza gift certificates; Hanes Lanes gift certificates; Ace Hardware gift certificates; and Paulding Eagles steak dinners. See you at the circus!

JAY SANDERS PHOTO JOURNAL



2008: Traveling eastward to Defiance, Ohio I found this nest (above left) along SR 111 near the Power Dam about three miles south of Defiance. As you can see, lack of leaves the nest is in full view. They can weigh up to nearly a ton and span eight feet across. I was surprised the nest wasn't closer to the Auglaize River, which flows over the dam. I also found another nest about two miles east of Independence Dam Park, which is about four miles east of Defiance, Ohio on Road 424.

LYNN LICHTY WINS SNOOKER TOURNAMENTS

Lynn Lichty of Antwerp, won the Antwerp, Paulding County and Tri-County Snooker Tournaments recently. Cash prizes were given out courtesy of Dan Schwartz Amish Construction.

Snooker is a variety of pool played with 15 red balls and 6 balls of colors other than red, in which a player must shoot one of the red balls, each with a point value of 1, into a pocket before shooting at one of the other balls, with point values of from 2 to 7.

In 1889, the game and the word, Snooker, is said to have been invented in India by British officers as a diversion from billiards. The name is perhaps an allusion (with reference to the rawness of play by a fellow officer) to British slang snooker "newly joined cadet" (1872). Tradition ascribes the coinage to Col. Sir Neville Chamberlain (not the later prime minister of the same name), at the time subaltern in the Devonshire Regiment in Jubbulpore. The verb meaning "to cheat" is from early 1900s, probably because novices can be easily tricked in the game.



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UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY

By: Sue Knapp
 In Denver, Colorado in 1887 two ministers and a rabbi were concerned about the welfare problems. They formed the Charity Organization Society that coordinated services and fund-raising for twenty-two agencies. 1888 - The first Charity Organization Society fund-raiser in Denver raised \$21,700. 1913 - The Community Chest was born out of the Society. 1918 - The American Association for Community Organization (predecessor to United Way) was formed. 1948 - More than 1,000 established with United Way Programs. 1973 - Joined with NFL to increase public awareness of the United Way Program. 1974 - The United Way International was formed. 1992 - United Way was started in Paulding County. 1994 - United Way of America was selected by Financial World Magazine as charity of choice in 1994 for leadership in not-for-profit, ethics and accountability. This is just a small portion of history of the United Way. United Way helps many organizations under its big umbrella. The money comes from donations and fund raisers. The money is channeled to different organiza-

tions who supply the funds needed for persons who cannot afford different services. Let's talk about United Way here in Paulding County: The economy has hit the United Way as it has many organizations. Like many organizations the government has cut funding. The United Way in Paulding County is now in a state of emergency. Amy McCreery, new Director of United Way of Paulding County, is doing all she can to rectify the problem. She is planning fund raisers, mini-campaigns and is getting ready for the big Pace Setter Campaign that will start with a big kick off in the fall. All the monies raised stays in Paulding County to help those in Paulding County. Some of the things that United Way has done is help the Boy and Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Senior Center, The Turning Point, helps provide transportation for the elderly to medical appointments and helps the disabled with shelter and training for basic needs and skills for community living. These are just a few of the things that United Way has helped Paulding County. One of Amy's goals is to set aside funds for direct service and provide help for the homeless. Watch for upcoming events concerning the United Way. You may call Amy McCreery at 419-399-8240.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": 30TH ANNUAL VANTAGE BLOODMOBILE HELD



Vantage senior Electricity students Cody Fitch (foreground) from Paulding and Gunther Mohr from Crestview wait patiently as Melinda Miller from the Ft. Wayne Red Cross district prepares to draw their blood.



Vantage junior Cosmetology student Clarissa Armstrong from Antwerp and Cody Younger from Van Wert donate at the 30th annual bloodmobile.

Vantage recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of the school's annual bloodmobile. The bloodmobile is a team effort with students and staff from several different programs working together to get organized and set up for a bloodmobile. The Vantage bloodmobile has grown so much in recent years, that it has become a two-day event! It takes many people to put together a successful high school blood drive. Kim Black, Kent Manson, Andrew Kessler, Michael Boyd, Cody Younkers, Cody Fitch and Eric Friedrich volunteered to meet the Red Cross truck at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday morning and help set up the bloodmobile. The members of the junior Health Careers morning class and junior Early Childhood class moved all the furniture and set up the donor rooms. Junior and senior Health Careers students served as Red Cross volunteers, handling registration, first aid, and escort duties. The Early Childhood Education students and Mrs. Myers, staffed the canteen and provided cook-

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/7/10

This 7th day of April, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk. **ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Warrants documented as 166899 through 166922 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:** The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on March 31, 2010, Warrants numbering 166631 through 166895, totaling \$57,393.94. It is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. The Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. **PAULDING COUNTY 2009 BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT:** Pursuant to ORC Section §5543.20, the Paulding County Engineer submitted to the Board of County Commissioners the 2009 report of the bridges in Paulding County. **RECEIVING BIDS FOR THE 2010 JOINT CHIP SEAL PROJECTS:**

This 7th day of April, 2010, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the 2010 Joint Chip Seal Project: Ward Construction, 385 Oak Street, Leipsic OH 45856 - \$315,862.50 Harry W. Bergman, Inc., 218 E 9th Street, Genoa OH 43430 - \$309,118.00 Klink Trucking, Inc., PO Box 428, Ashley IN 46705 - \$330,465.00 The specifications will be studied with a determination to be made later. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:06 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley. All members voting yeas. At 11:13 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session. **MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:** Jim Henderson, Engineer's Office - Mr. Henderson came in to open the bids for the 2010 Joint Chip Seal Project. Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey presented the 2009 Bridge Inspection Report for review. He also reported submitting the application for an ODNR grant to fund a boat ramp project. Mr. McGarvey then updated the Commissioners on the railroad project at the Worstville crossing (County Road 71). He stated he anticipates the project will begin in May. Mr. McGarvey reported the funding has been received from ODOT to repair the US 24 haul routes. He also stated Iberdrola and Horizon (wind energy companies) will be conducting road borings as part of their road maintenance policy. Dan Litchfield, Iberdrola Renewables - Mr. Litchfield met with the Commissioners to inform them an updated site approval has been submitted. The public hearing has been rescheduled to June 2, 2010, at the Crestview High School in Convoys, Ohio. Mr. Litchfield then discussed the possibility of securing an Enterprise Zone agreement or a tax abatement for projects to be done in Paulding County. He stated Iberdrola would like to begin the Blue Creek Wind Farm project late summer/early fall of 2010. Plans for the project are available for viewing at the Commissioners' office and at the Paulding County Library.

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ies, sandwiches and beverages to everyone who donated a unit of blood. Penny Baucum, Nancy Sheets and the Vantage cafeteria staff were very cooperative in having a flexible lunch schedule and baking the cookies, Dave Young and the maintenance staff, Lisa Hatcher, Students Services and all instructors and staff were very patient and flexible throughout the bloodmobile. Vantage is one of the largest high school bloodmobiles in the region and has one of the highest numbers of first time donors. This year's blood drive was outstanding. There were 197 students and staff members who registered to donate blood. A total of 171 pints of blood were collected over the two days. The Vantage goal was 155 units! Vantage has collected a grand total of 4,567 units of blood at the annual bloodmobile. Great job!

RAIDERS TRIUMPH OVER PILOTS

The Wayne Trace Raiders traveled to Pilot country on April 22 for Varsity Baseball. The game ended with a Raider win to take home: 9-5. Winning pitcher: A Horner had 5 strike outs, 4 hits allowed, and 7 walks. Losing pitcher: Lamb had 1 strike out, 5 hits allowed, and 3 walks. WT hitters: Dasher (single), Jerome (single), D Horner (single & double), Critten (2 singles), Duer (single), Speice (single), and Willborn (single) Ayersville hitters: Moore (single), Flint (double), Roth (single), and Erickson (double) Line score: Ayersville - 0 1 1 0 0 3=5; 4H, 2E WT - 0 0 0 3 3 3 0=9; 9H, 6E

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Shown here from the left are: Macy Nutter, Riley Stork, Kelcie Pack, Drake Ankney, Aden Lero, Emma Townley, Brianna Moore, Aiden Goings and Hunter Coutts. These children are in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Carrie Myers and Mrs. Ann Miller. See the ad in this week's West Bend News to register your child for next fall!



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PEVS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/28 THROUGH 5/4

HS/MS - Breakfast:
 4/28 - Ham, egg and cheese croissant, juice, milk
 4/29 - Coffee cake or Cherry turnover, juice, milk
 4/30 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 5/3 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 5/4 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 4/28 - Idaho nachos or Grilled chicken strips, roll/cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk
 4/29 - Pasta w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk
 4/30 - Turkey/bacon club sandwich, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

5/3 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread or Mini corn dogs, vegetable, fruit, milk
 5/4 - Southwest chicken salad, tortilla chips w/salsa, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

4/28 - Assorted cereals or Cereal bar, graham crackers, applesauce, milk
 4/29 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, or applesauce, milk
 4/30 - Muffin, graham crackers, applesauce, milk
 5/3 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice or applesauce, milk
 5/4 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice or applesauce, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:

4/28 - Vegetable beef soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk
 4/29 - Pizza sticks, w/marinara sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 4/30 - Hot dog w/bun, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk

5/3 - French toast, sausage, hash browns, fruit, milk
 5/4 - Cook's choice (sandwiches)

(Menu subject to change. Offer vs. Serve. A packed lunch is available everyday as an alternative to main dish.)

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

4/28 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
 4/29 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 4/30 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
 5/3 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
 5/4 - Warm cinnamon roll, fruit milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:

4/28 - Pepperoni cheese bread stick w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 4/29 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, potato chips, fruit, milk
 4/30 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk
 5/3 - Hot dog w/bun, green beans, fruit, milk
 5/4 - Hamburger w/bun, pickles, corn, fruit, milk

(A packed lunch is available everyday as an alternative to main dish.)

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/28 THROUGH 5/4

Breakfast:
 4/28 - Pancakes, sausage, fruit, milk

4/29 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 4/30 - Waffles & sausage, juice, milk
 5/3 - Pizza, juice, milk
 5/4 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 4/28 - Cook's choice
 4/29 - Rotini/meat, tossed salad, cheese stick, garlic toast, mixed fruit, milk
 4/30 - Cheese or chicken quesadilla, corn, mandarin oranges, milk
 5/3 - Fiestado, corn, peaches, milk
 5/4 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, mandarin oranges, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/28 THROUGH 5/4

Breakfast:
 All days - Cereal, cracker, juice and milk

Lunch:
 4/28 - Goulash or Sloppy joe on bun, mixed fruit, cooked carrots, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Deviled eggs
 4/29 - Turkey noodle soup or Cook's choice, mashed potatoes, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice

4/30 - Fiestada pizza or Ham salad sandwich, cole slaw, cookie, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
 5/3 - Coney dog or Cook's choice, orange smiles, french fries, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cottage cheese

5/4 - Tacos or Polish sausage on bun, salad, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pudding cup

Menu subject to change at any time.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/19/10

This 19th day of April, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 14, 2010, Warrants numbering 166977 through 167275, totaling \$25,121.84. It is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. The Paulding County Commissioners approves the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Meeting Notes of Appointments:

Matt Davis, MVPO - Mr. Davis met with the Commissioners to discuss the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). He stated there were a couple of abandoned homes in Antwerp that need to be demolished. He also reported a home in Payne as a candidate for renovation. The NSP is administered through Maumee Valley Planning Organization. The total grant dollars awarded are for a several-county area with Putnam County being the lead county.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met briefly with the Commissioners to schedule a planning commission meeting.

Mandy Lichty, Dog Warden - Ms. Lichty reported the resignation of an employee. She will advertise for the position.

Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter presented her payroll for signatures. She also stated she plans to apply for FY 2010 CDBG funding to repair the front foyer flooring and install automatic doors at the Senior Center.

OHIO FARM BUREAU SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR 2010-2011 AGRIPOWER INSTITUTE

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) is seeking applicants for its third AgriPOWER Institute. AgriPOWER, an intensive, yearlong leadership training program, was created in 2008 to equip farmers and agricultural professionals with the leadership skills needed to be influencers in public policy issues that impact their businesses.

Starting July 23, the 2010-2011 class will engage in seven two- to three-day training sessions. OFBF staff and outside experts will provide extensive instruction on the policy issues that face local communities, Ohio, the nation and the world. Specific sessions will focus on important leadership skills such as public speaking and identifying and using individual strengths.

The program also will offer external educational experiences, including a planned trip to Washington, D.C. Institute participants will engage with government officials, activists, media insiders and farm leaders on pressing local, state and national issues. Among the topics are

government structure and spending, regulations, the environment, animal welfare, international trade and public relations.

"Ohio Farm Bureau is committed to the success of AgriPOWER and believes that there has never been a more important time for people to stand up for agriculture and tell their story," said Sandy Kuhn, AgriPOWER director.

"This is really the purpose of AgriPOWER as graduates are trained to become the future leaders and advocates for agriculture."

To obtain an AgriPOWER application, contact Sandy Kuhn at 614-246-8249 or skuhn@ofbf.org or visit www.tinyurl.com/agripower. Application deadline is June 1, 2010. Scholarships are available.

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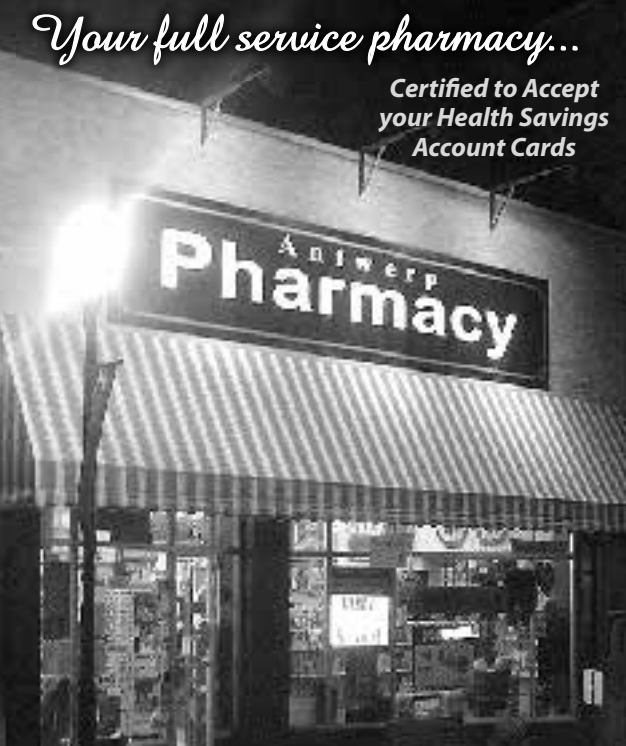
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RAIDERS TAKE TOUGH LOSS TO ACES



Tuesday, April 20 the Raiders and the Aces were vying for their first win. The Raiders had great hits, but the Hicksville defense was just too much. Wayne Trace fell 17-4. Shown here is Junior Ashton Duer scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On 4/20 the Raiders played host to the Hicksville Aces in High School Baseball. The Aces took a fast lead in the first inning and held out the entire game to take their first win back home to Hicksville: 17-4. WT's GMC record: 1-3. Winning pitcher (HV) - Applegate, 1 strike out, 10 hits allowed, and 4 walks. Losing pitcher (WT) - Duer, 2 strike outs, 9 hits allowed, and 1 walk. Line Score: Hicksville - 6 3 6 0 2 x

x=17; 15H, 1E
WT - 3 1 0 0 0 x x=4; 10H, 2E
Game hits: Hicksville - Miller (2 singles); Shock (single); Yoder (double & single); Klepper (single, double, triple); Battershell (double); Biberstein (3 singles); Post (2 singles); Klima (single) WT - Dasher (double); Jerome (single & double); Speice (3 singles); Duer (2 singles & double); Reichert (single)



EXTRA INNINGS NEEDED TO SETTLE RIVALRY

By: Josh Hahn
The Antwerp Archers hosted the Hicksville Aces in varsity baseball action on Thursday afternoon. The Aces were looking for revenge after dropping a game 1-3 to the rival Archers earlier in the season. Both starting pitchers were able to hold the batters in-check for most of the game. The Ace's hurler, Nick Post, was able to keep the Archers at bay until a pair of hits in

the 4th inning got the Archers on the board. After leading off with a single, Mike Stuart was plated following a double that was laced down the left field line by Justin Johnson.

The Aces struggled early to score runs against Antwerp's starting pitcher, Bryson North. Every time North found himself in a jam, he was able to wriggle off the hook. The Aces stranded five base-runners in scoring position through the first five innings. In the 6th inning, the Aces were finally able to push a run across the plate when Dustin Yoder scored on a Logan Battershell sacrifice fly to even the score 1-1.

The game needed extra innings to decide the winner. The levy broke in the 10th inning and the Aces were able to pour 4 runs on the Archers to insure the win. The Aces took the contest 5-1 extending their season record to 2-11. The Archers dropped to 5-9 on the year.



Hicksville won against the Archers in extra innings Thursday, April 22 with a score of 5-1 in the 10th inning. Shown here is Antwerp Senior & 1st Baseman Aaron Hughes getting the out at first. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP/HICKSVILLE/HILLTOP TRI-MEET RESULTS

The track teams of Antwerp, Hicksville, and Hilltop met up recently for some High School track competition.

In the boys, Hilltop came out on top with 77; Hicksville held the middle with 62.5; and Antwerp brought up the rear with 35.5.

Boys Individual Event Results:

Shot Put - B Dunderman, Ant, 41'3"; T Lee, Ant, 40'10"; Emehiser, HV, 38'3"

Discus - Dunlap, Ant, 117'4"; Emehiser, HV, 98'6"; T Lee, Ant, 94'6"

Long Jump - Sentel, Hill, 17'9"; Michael, HV, 17'3"; Sailer, HV, 17'2"

High Jump - Emehiser, HV, 5'6"; Bradbury, HV, 5'6"; P Sentel, Hill, 5'2"

100 Hurdles - Bradbury, HV, 16.28; Crisenberry, Hill, 17.50; Willis, HV, 17.55

100m Dash - Sechler, HV, 11.56; T Burwell, Hill, 11.69; A Michael, HV, 11.75

1600 meter - C Livensparger, Hill, 4:49.15; J Hilton, Ant, 4:52.34; Z Smith, Hill, 5:01.52

400m Dash - T Burwell, Hill, 56.12; J Crampton, Hill, 56.87

300m Hurdles - J Bradbury, HV, 43.4; I King, Hill, 44.3; R Crisenberry, Hill, 46.24

800 meter - R Smith, Hill, 2:14.69; B Wagner, Hill, 2:16.68 T Garman, HV, 2:21.93

200m Dash - T Burwell, Hill, 28.43; E Sechler, HV, 23.50; A Michael, HV, 23.79

3200 meter - C Livensparger, Hill, 10:25.62; J Hilton, Ant, 10:59.12; N Baker, Hill, 11:24.15

Pole Vault - Kimmel, Ant, 11'6"; Filip, Hill, 10' & Husted, HV, 10'; Towns, Hill, 10'

4x800 - Hilltop, 8:52.8; Antwerp, 9:38.7
4x200 - Hicksville, 1:38.18; Hilltop, 1:44.41

4x100 - Hicksville, 45.05; Antwerp, 49.55

4x400 - Hilltop, 3:53.34; Hicksville, 4:03.62; Antwerp, 4:08.06

In the girls, Hilltop took first, 67.5; Hicksville in second, 62.5; and Antwerp in third, 28.

Girls Individual Event Results:

Shot Put - Doctor, Ant, 28'5¼"; Welling, HV, 28'5¼"; Briskey, Hill, 24'11½"

Discus - Tollas, HV, 93'10"; Stairhime, HV, 83'7"; Willing, Hill, 80'11"

Long Jump - James, Hill, 13'5"; Horn, HV, 12'8"; Jurick, HV, 12'6"

High Jump - Vail, Ant, 5'2"; Smith, Hill, 4'2"; Tallas, HV, 4'2"

100 Hurdles - Vail, Ant, 18.14; Marker, HV, 18.18; Armbruster, Hill, 18.77

100 Dash - Hesselschwart, HV, 14.02; Smith, Hill, 14.08; Tristel, Hill, 14.37

1600 meter - Purk, Hill, 5:57.97; Short, Ant, 7:25.24; Grimm, Hill, 7:30

400 meter - Smith, Hill, 1:09.12; Shell, HV, 1:08.94; Delgado, Ant, 1:11.53

300 Hurdles - Marker, HV, 52.02; Armbruster, Hill, 57.75; English, Ant, 58.59

800 meter - Horn, HV, 2:56.12; Rybarg, Hill, 2:57.28; King, Hill, 3:09.40

200 Dash - Shall, HV, 28.87; Jurick, HV, 29.34; Smith, Hill, 30.31

3200 meter - Purk, Hill, 13:46.12; Short, Ant, 16:28.97; Grimm, Hill, 18:48.55

Pole Vault - King, Hill, 5' 4x800 - Hilltop, 12:18.96

4x200 - Hicksville, 1:58.92; Hilltop, 2:16.75

4x100 - Hicksville, 56.24; Hilltop, 59.27

4x400 - Hilltop, 5:02.4



Woodlan took on New Haven at home Tuesday, April 20. The Warriors baseball team started off strong and kept going until the last inning when the Bulldogs took the lead and won 17-8. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

NEW BOOK CLUBS AT THE ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY!

The Antwerp Branch Library has two active book clubs. One is for Children grades 3-6th and the other is for Adults. The children's book club will meet on May 17th from 3:30-4:00 p.m. The adult book club will meet on May 18th from 6:30-7:15 p.m. If you are interested please stop in and register and pick up your copy of the book to read. If you have any questions please call the library at 419-258-2855.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL PROM'S GRECIAN GARDENS WALK-IN

Are you ready for the prom? Antwerp High School is. This Saturday, May 1st, students will arrive in style at Grant's Reception Hall to board their ship for a cruise to the Mediterranean. On their journey, they will delight in the beauty of the Grecian Gardens. Join them in their special evening for the Walk-In from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Public viewing of the hall at Grant's and post prom at the school will take place earlier that day from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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Hicksville Aerie 2256 has recently joined the Antwerp All-Weather Track Campaign "Platinum Club" by making a generous \$5,000 donation to the track project. Shown here is Craig Ankney, representing the Hicksville Eagles Club presenting Steve Arnold, Track Campaign Coordinator, with the check. The All-Weather Track Committee, a branch of both the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club and the ACDC, has now raised close to \$160,000 thanks to many generous gifts like this one from the Eagles Club. The goal is to raise \$200,000 for this

project. Individuals interested in being part of the track campaign should contact Mr. Arnold (419-258-5421) or attend an Athletic Boosters meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 in the Antwerp Board of Education room. Individuals interested in making monetary donations toward this project should make checks payable to the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club and mail them to 303 South Harrmann Road, Antwerp, OH 45813. Donations may be tax deductible.

EPA'S LEAD RENOVATION RULE PROTECTS AGENCY, PUNISHES PEOPLE

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

The April 22nd deadline for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead Renovation Rule compliance is just around the corner, and how appropriate that the deadline coincides with Earth Day. While this stifling mandate certainly provides some health benefits, I am continually outraged by the EPA's blatant disregard for the care of our fellow man.

I do not condone the environmental and health dangers associated with exposure to lead. This is certainly a health concern that should be addressed, but not to the detriment of our economy, small businesses and families. The devastating effects of this outrageous mandate allow the EPA to intrude into your home, drive up the cost of business and will ultimately ravage any industry affecting home renovation.

The EPA's rule requires contractors performing renovation projects that disturb lead-based paint in schools, child care facilities and homes built before 1978 to follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination as well as undergo certification classes. The certification process includes an eight-hour training session at an EPA accredited facility, with a four-hour refresher course taken every five years. Certification alone costs employers a hefty \$300-500 per employee, plus wages that must be paid to the employee for that day of

training. To avoid penalty fees, certification must be completed by the April 22, 2010 deadline, as established by the EPA in 2008.

There are a few exceptions to the rule, however. Do-it-yourself projects, very minor remodeling or repair jobs, and a few others are exempt, but for the overwhelming majority of people who hire out their home renovations, compliance is necessary due to the whopping \$32,500 per violation per day penalty for non-compliance.

All the ridiculous rules, regulations and costs included within this mandate are simply a power grab by the EPA and the federal government to control the operations of small businesses and dig even deeper into their treasuries. The EPA Lead Renovation Rule is a deadly blow to businesses and will certainly stifle economic growth in the private sector, but the EPA is not stopping there. They are expected to propose another rule later this year that would expand the current mandate to commercial and other non-residential buildings. Unfortunately, as long as the federal government keeps lengthening the EPA's leash, there will soon be nothing the EPA cannot accomplish, to the detriment and robbery of America's families and businesses.

The current federal government and the EPA are known as an infamous duo, working together to usurp every drop of our freedom and hard-earned money. It is clear that the federal government has run our nation straight into the ground, and the EPA is right there to dig us in even deeper. It seems to me these days that the EPA is distributing more punishment than protection.

JV ARCHERS SHUT OUT ACES



Hicksville took on Antwerp in JV Baseball at home Thursday, April 22. The Archers won 15-0 in the 5th inning. Shown here is Freshman Colton Hammon leading off at first. Photo by Tawnya English.

The Antwerp Archers traveled to Aces territory on April 22 for some JV baseball action. The Archers started out strong and held the Aces to end the game in 5 innings: 15-0. The Archers took 12 runs in the first inning alone. Lead-

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/14/10

This 14th day of April, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:
 Tony Zartman, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk Tony Burkley; Absent

TRAVEL REQUEST:
 Judge John DeMuth, JRC Board Meeting, Bowling Green OH - April 16, 2010

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 166956 through 167275 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:
 FROM: Pay-Ins #086108
 TO: 009-001-00011/Engineer/Gas Tax/Contract Projects
 AMOUNT: \$1,650,000.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 A motion was made by Mr. Edward Straley to go into executive session at 11:04 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 11:58 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham met with the Commissioners to report on Paulding County Economic Development's recent board meeting. He reviewed the PCED's activity to date. The Annual State Reports for the EZ, CRA, and RLF were due March 31. They have been completed on schedule. Mr. Langham reminded the Commissioners of the Paulding Chamber 'After Hours' on April 29 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Several agencies will participate in this event. Mr. Langham discussed the Paulding County Industry 2010 Retention and Expansion Survey that will be sent out soon to local businesses. He then stated he has met with Antwerp officials regarding development possibilities at the US 24 and SR 49 interchange. Mr. Langham reminded the Commissioners the PCED office will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day; and Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. He also stated the PCED annual banquet is scheduled for September 30, 2010.

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CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR MARCH 1, 2010

Indiana Michigan Power representative Jesse Gadson presented a plan for lighting in the Homestead Subdivision, recommending three lights. There is no cost to put in the new lighting and would cost around \$5.26 plus taxes per month, per light. Councilmen made motions to approve Indiana Michigan Power putting in new lighting, Councilmen Reichhart, Zimmerman, Norden and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Mason voted no, motion passed. Subdivision representatives object, they would like the decorative pole replaced. Representatives would like to poll residents, if majority agree to keep the decorative poles, they will pay to replace the pole and all future maintenance and the City would pay the electric bill for two lights, the third is connected with their subdivision sign. Council did not move to change vote, Mayor Hoepfner motioned to over ride Council decision and give Subdivision representatives till the next Council meeting to poll residents. Metalink is proposing paying the City, \$100.00-\$200.00 per month to put wireless internet antennas on the water tower. Councilmen made motions to reject their proposal, Councilmen Mason, Reichhart, and Norden voted yes, Councilmen Clegg and Zimmerman voted no, motion passed. Mayor met with grant writer Kristi Sturtz to discuss the Safe Route to Schools grant and requested she submit the survey and study needed to apply. Mayor stated there is a \$3000.00 fee; we will pay nothing till we know if we receive it. Mayor received confirmation that we were in the February 24th letting for the stimulus money available to repair the arterial roads. He would like to postpone construction till the Highway 24 work on Bull Rapids is complete. Mayor ask Council to reconsider decision made concerning the Spies Building in the Industrial Park. Councilmen feel the Chase Case Company is manufacturing an item

and this fits the intentions of the Industrial Park, they do not feel the Concert Promotions or Professional Touch Entertainment does, stating the Industrial Park was not meant for holding events. Councilmen made motions to allow Chase Case Company in the Industrial Park and refuse the Concert Promotions and Professional Touch Entertainment Companies, all agreed, motion passed. Plans have begun to replace the storm water line on the south side of Main Street. Gregg Geurrataz's estimated charge will be \$3500.00. Councilman Zimmerman will head up the board, along with John Dresher and one other member yet to be chosen.

Officer Kyle Carpenter presented February call stats. Wells Heating and Cooling has repaired the heat in the police dept. Officer Carpenter would like to replace the ceiling and lighting in the bay area of the building and build a storage area across the back wall, Mayor will look into cost.

Councilman Reichhart presented two quotes to clean up the North side of the railroad tracks between Bull Rapids and Highway 101, stating he has permission to burn materials in Mr. Keller's field. Pfister's submitted a bid of \$4850.00 and Reichhart Builders submitted a bid of \$2080.00, neither one taking the steel or railroad ties. Mayor stated this is not City responsibility and will contact the railroad to get it cleaned up.

Councilman Zimmerman reported he is putting together an Emergency Management plan; presentation will be ready in a few weeks. He has researched a digital recording system for recording the minutes of the council meeting and is recommending a Sony digital recorder. Cost is \$199.00 and additional microphone or software may need to be purchased. Councilmen made motions to approve purchasing the equipment needed with a cap of \$325.00, all agreed, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:45. Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

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By: Sue Knapp

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Martin and Amanda have raised four boys and one daughter. They now have 26 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Some of the acreage has been sold off to the children and the business is being turned over to three of the children. That doesn't mean you won't see Amanda there. She is not about to retire!

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TIPS FOR CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

By: Tawnya English

Mother's Day is a special time. It is the day we get to spoil, pamper and lavish our mothers with all that we can come up with. They deserve it. Here are some things that you can do, for your mom.

- 1). Mother's Day Card - Make a homemade card or purchase one.
- 2). Take Mom Out - She will love the sweet gesture of taking her out to the mov-

ies, or out for a nice dinner. Spending quality time with her is the key. Make it a special time to remember. If money is a problem, take her to your favorite park with a packed lunch and some playing cards to pass the time and form some good memories.

3). Give Her a Spa Day - What a better way to spend Mother's Day? You should join her. You will both love it.

4). Gifts - You can make something for mom, on your own. It can be a photo album of pictures of grandchildren, you, her, or anyone. You can write a special poem to tell her what she means to you. How about a gift certificate to her favorite store? You can make a bag of surprises to give your mom by buying all those favorite things she likes to use, from day to day. Place all the items in a pretty bag and you will make her day.

5). Take Her To A Beauty Salon - Let her get the make over she has always dreamed about. Throw in the idea of her getting a manicure and pedicure too—once she gets her make-over she will be inspired to go shopping for a new outfit. This will make her day for sure.

6). Make Mother's Day Her Special Day - by putting off everything for the day, offer your services to her by taking her where she needs to go or by doing something that she needs done. This can be as simple as cleaning the gutters and eaves spouts on the house—or painting a room in the house.

Mother's Day is a day that I look forward to every year. It is a day to enjoy and celebrate all the things that mothers do. It is her day, make her the "Queen" and you will feel great! She will know that she is loved. That is what Mother's Day is all about.

~Miss you Mom~
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BAGWORMS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

This past week I came across some ornamental evergreen shrubs that were showing signs of plant die back and open dead areas. Upon inspection the shrubs were infested with bagworms. These 1½ to 2 inch long bags of dead needles are remnants of last year's population made by the larva of this interesting moth. Bagworms feed most notably on arborvitae and junipers but also can infest other conifers and some broad leaved trees and shrubs.

Bagworms are interesting moths. The larvae hatch from eggs that overwinter in the bags that remain tied to the shrubs. Once they hatch, the larvae prowl the plant

feeding, and slowly build the silken bag with needles or leaf fragments woven in to provide them with camouflage and protection. Toward the end of the summer, they attach their bag to a branch with silk and molt into dark brown pupae within the bag.

The habits of male and female moths are different. Males emerge as flying hairy brown moths that are nearly clear-winged, but the females are wingless, legless and grub-like, that do not leave the bag. The male finds females to mate, followed by the female producing eggs that are left to overwinter inside the bag. Each bag may contain from 300 to 1000 eggs, and hatching and emergence usually takes place in late May and early June.

Usually, broadleaved plants suffer little lasting

damage but the evergreens may be severely crippled, and can die in two to five years if the infestation repeats. If you have valuable ornamental evergreens with bags present, you can physically remove the bags from the tree by cutting them from the plant, scissors work well, before the larvae hatch in late May. But to have success, you need to be thorough, getting them all. Carry the removed bags away for disposal.

A second option is to apply an insecticide to treat newly emerged larvae in mid to late June. Remember that larvae must be present and actively feeding to be controlled by the insecticide. Effective products for homeowner use include a biological control bacterium or BT product or the use of chemical control insecticide

sprays. A list of these products is available through the Extension office.

Two to three weeks after treatment, look for additional live bagworms to see if a second treatment is needed. These insecticides may kill beneficial insects so use them with care. Please read and follow label instructions.

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