

BALLOON LAUNCH TO HONOR NURSES AND RESIDENTS



By: Tawnya English

Gardens of Paulding is celebrating National Nursing Home Week, (NNHW) and National Nurses Week, (NNW).

NNHW spotlights nursing home residents and staff, also encourages all to celebrate those that make a positive difference in their lives everyday. A supportive and caring environment, such as a nursing

home, provides enrichment for residents and families to continue growing, learning, and teaching through various ways. The week also provides an opportunity to honor all those who contribute to our nation's nursing homes elders, family members, employees and volunteers.

On May 12th, the Gardens of Paulding celebrated the event with the residents having a "Crazy Hat Day". Justin Donat entertained the crowd by playing the piano. He played several songs such as, "Be Thou My Vision..." and "Jesu, Joy of Man Desires..." Justin is from Antwerp, Ohio, and a freshman at Butler University studying to be a pharmacologist.

NNW begins May 6th and ends May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event.

Greg White, Mayor of Paulding, Ohio, gave a

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OHIOANS DEMONSTRATE PEDAL POWER DURING BIKE TO WORK WEEK

Joining the four-million bicycle owners in Ohio who are demonstrating the 'pedal power' of active biking, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is teaming up with local communities across the state in recognizing Bike to Work Week (May 17-21).

"Biking and walking are critical components of a thriving, healthy, and complete multi-modal transportation system," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris, who joined the Mayor of Columbus, Central Ohio business leaders and bicycle enthusiasts for a Monday morning bike ride to the Ohio Statehouse.

Each year in Ohio, the Bike to Work celebration sees an ever increasing number of participants. Events are scheduled in cities throughout the state through the month of May, including workshops, clinics, tours, and block parties. Many area businesses offer free food along with discounts on their merchandise to bike riders.

"When we have all of the

modes of transportation working safely together, we create a sense of place where people want to live and businesses want to grow," said ODOT Director Molitoris.

Since 1992, the Ohio Department of Transportation has invested more than \$100 million to improve and modernize pedestrian and bicycle routes across the state.

With new federal funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ODOT and its local transportation partners have also been able to invest more than \$16 million in stimulus funds to bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Today, Ohio has more than 3,000 miles of designated bike paths used by an estimated four million bicycle owners.

Learn more about Ohio's investments in bicycling—as well as tips to keep safe whether you are riding on two wheels or four—by logging on to ODOT's website at www.dot.state.oh.us, click on the bicycle icon.

WOODBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMS BENEFIT AUCTION



By: Stan Jordan

On May 8th we attended a benefit for the Woodburn Fire Department. It was held at the John V. and Lydiann Schmucker's home on the Milan Center Road.

The first thing to amaze me was the rows and rows of black shiny buggies in the parking area. There was also a zillion automobiles parked there, but the horse and buggies really took my eye.

We then walked over to the house and eating area. There were hundreds lined up, most of them were Amish. This was a benefit put on by the Amish and boy they do support the affair!

Folks came from far and near—all over Northern Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Oklahoma. I was really impressed by the turn out, but John Schmucker, the host, tells me that they do this every other year.

He said this year they served around 2,000 chicken dinners. They ordered 1,800

pounds of boned chicken.

The ladies baked 345 pies. I can tell you how good one apple pie was. The pies that were left over were auctioned off over in the big sale tent and one brought \$145.00. But John said a couple years ago his attorney paid over \$300.00 for a pie. You see, this is a benefit and any and all money goes to the Wood-

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OBITUARIES

Joseph H. Trautman, 91, of Renfrew, OH passed away Monday, May 10, 2010 in Butler Memorial Hospital.

Born July 9, 1918 in Saint Marys, WV, he was the son of Frances Mulneix. Mr. Trautman was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Connoquenessing. He retired from Pullman as a crane man and electrician after 25 years.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served during World War II. Mr. Trautman was a former fire chief of the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed harness racing, hunting, and spending time at his camp.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachael A. Sarver Trautman, who died February 4, 2001; a sister; and 11 brothers.

Surviving are two daughters: Patricia (George) Roman of Harmony and Dawn (Russell) Plaisted of Connoquenessing; four sons: Larry (Diana) Trautman of Antwerp, Richard Trautman of Summerville, SC, David Trautman of Renfrew and Jeffrey (Margaret) Trautman of Portersville; half-sisters: Phyllis Delu of Grove City, Rose Slupe of Butler, PA, and Karen (Edwin) Somerville of Butler, PA; a half-brother, Arvard Mulneix of Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on May 14, 2010 at A. Carl Kinsey-Ronald N. Volz Funeral Home, Evans City, PA. Rev. J. Gary Brown officiated. Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Connoquenessing, PA.

Michael E. Kaiser, 57, of Oakwood died Friday, May 14, 2010 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

He was born September 28, 1952 in Ironton, OH to the late Herman and Inez "Genieve" (Dement) Kaiser. He was formerly married to Janis Joseph VanVlerah, Oakwood.

He retired in 2006 after 35 years at General Motors, Defiance. He was a veteran of the Army; retired from the Oakwood Fire Dept., where he was an assistant chief and also retired from Oakwood EMS, was still active with both. He formerly worked with the auxiliary Sheriff Dept. in Paulding County;

was a member of Defiance's AM Vets, Eagles, and the VFW.

Surviving are two daughters: Cindy Ripke of Oakwood and Mindy (Miguel) Hernandez of Oakwood; seven grandchildren: Briana, Breck, and Caleb Ripke, Trey, Braden, Mylee Hernandez; one brother, Don Kaiser of McClure, OH; one sister, Barb (Jim) Good of Napoleon, OH; and a former son-in-law, Brian Ripke of Continental, OH.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Chuck Kaiser.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood. Rev. Stan Harmon will be officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood with Military graveside rites by Oakwood American Legion. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Memorials to Oakwood Fire Department or EMS. Condolences may be sent to www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com

Carrie Geneva Cotterman, 79, of Paulding died Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert, OH.

She was born April 7, 1931 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of Fredrick P. and Bessie Mae (Leslie) Hartwig. On June 5, 1949 she married Richard L. "Bud" Cotterman who survives. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Briceton, OH. She was employed by Paulding County Hospital as a housekeeper for 24 years retiring in 1992.

She is survived by two sons: Randy (Crys) Cotterman of Paulding and Gary Cotterman of Murray, KY; a daughter, Elaine (Roger) Sierer of Paulding; two brothers: Fred (Louise) Hartwig of Van Wert and Ray (Wilma) Hartwig of Haviland; four sisters: Mary Gray, and Florence Sander-son both of Paulding, Deanna (Robert) Adkins of Oakhill, OH and Frieda (Ralph) Hammons, Cloverdale, OH; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by per parents; two brothers: Paul and Richard Harwig; a sister, Jennie Mae Green; and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted May 17, 2010 at St.

John Lutheran Church, Briceton. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Jackson Township, Paulding County, OH.

Donations may be made to St. John Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Bristol Lynne McGarvey, of Paulding, was still-born Monday, April 26, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She is survived by her parents, Brent and Chelsie (Cox) McGarvey of Paulding; a sister, Reagan McGarvey of Paulding; paternal grandparents: Danny and Jane McGarvey of Grover Hill; and maternal grandparents: Jack and Renee Cox of Payne.

Private graveside services were conducted May 1, 2010 at Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding handled arrangements.

Harold J. Eschbach, 81, of Paulding died Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, Ohio.

He was born June 10, 1928 in Fort Wayne, Indiana the son of Peter J. and Lena M. (Geyer) Eschbach. On July 23, 1949 he married Ruth G. Caryer, who survives. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, self-employed farmer, and a 20-year Paulding Township maintenance employee.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Caryer) Eschbach of Paulding; two sons: Ron (Marsha) Eschbach of Antwerp, and Larry Eschbach of Sandusky, OH; daughters: Marianne (Joe) Riley of Land O Lakes, FL, and Linda (Tom) Riley of Kalamazoo, MI; a brother, Norman Eschbach of Payne; a sister, Delores Brown of Pontiac, MI; four grandchildren: Megan Riley, Nathan Eschbach, Kim (Chris) Clemons, and Kari (Ron) Johnson; seven great-grandchildren: Caitlin and Andrew Eschbach, Karlie, Spencer and Madison Clemons, Hailley, and Hannah Johnson.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Alvin and Raymond Eschbach; and two sisters: Lucile Fatchett and Marcella Greely.

Funeral services were conducted May 15, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. David Meriwether officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding at a later date.

Donations may be made to Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund or the First Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Adam L. McNeely, 26, of Oakwood died Sunday morning, May 9, 2010 at Whispering Pines Apartments in Paulding. He was born June 20, 1983 in Defiance to Steve McNeely and Kimberly (Lake) McNeely. His father and step-mother, Sandy (Adams) McNeely survive in Oakwood and his mother is deceased. His fiancé, Kylee Zizelman survives in Paulding.

Also surviving is a son, Brayden McNeely of Paulding; a future step-son, Devyn Zizelman of Paulding; his paternal grandmothers: Margaret Fellers of Norman, OK and Barbara Garrett of Coble, MO; step-maternal grandmother, Erlene Strait of Defiance; a brother, Shannon

(Ruth) Bidlack of San Diego, CA; three sisters: Rachel (Jason) Dunn of Van Wert, Cynthia Teegarden of Cloverdale, and Brittany McDonald of Defiance; five nephews; and two nieces.

His great-grandparents, Henry and Gail Rose, raised him and they are deceased. His grandfathers have also preceded him in death.

Mr. McNeely was attending school at ITT in Fort Wayne, IN.

Funeral services were May 14, 2010 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Pastor Terry Porter officiating. Burial followed in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood. Memorials may be made to Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood to help with funeral expenses. Condolences can be made to www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com.

PAULDING HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
5/7 - Randy McNamara, Payne

Isaiah Nabors, Paulding

Dismissals:

5/8 - Isaiah Nabors, Paulding to Mercy Children's Hospital, Toledo

LATTA STATEMENT ON YOUCUT PROJECT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) today issued the following statement after the House Republican Economic Recovery Working Group launched YouCut, a first-of-its kind initiative designed to change the culture of spending in Washington to a culture of savings. Congressman Latta is a member of the House Republican Economic Recovery Working Group.

"America is at a crossroads in our nation's history. Washington has a spending problem, and can no longer afford to delay the tough and necessary choices that need to be made in order to return America to its rightful place as the world's unquestioned economic leader. Our impending national debt crisis is real and cannot be ignored any longer.

"The choices that we make today will directly determine the type of American that our children and grandchildren will inherit tomorrow. The question is whether we leave them with greater opportunity, or a greater debt as they scramble to pay the bills we left behind. While we won't

be able to tackle the debt problem in one swoop, we must begin to address the root of the problem: a culture of spending in Washington.

"That's why we are launching YouCut, a first-of-its kind project designed to reverse the culture of spending in Washington to a culture of savings. Beginning today, people from Ohio's Fifth District and around the country can vote—both online and on their cell phone—on spending cuts they would like to see the House of Representatives enact. House Republicans will then offer an up-or-down vote on bringing up the spending cut that receives the most public support. The people of the Fifth District will have direct input on what they feel is the best way for the government to save money, each and every week.

Each and every day, Ohio families have been forced to make tough decisions on a daily basis—cutting back on things they realize they can no longer afford. Why should the federal government act any differently?

NOTE: Constituents can participate in the YouCut project by visiting Congressman Latta's blog at <http://latta.house.gov/blog>

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Sat., Aug 7th - **Chamber of Commerce Blast**

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CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF MAY 17, 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 249 west of U.S. 127 - Pavement repairs will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone Monday and Tuesday of the week. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

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

Ohio 15 at Ohio 249 in the village of Ney - Route closed May 12 for 45 days for sanitary work. Traffic detoured onto U.S. 127 south at the Defiance/Williams County

Line to Ohio 18 back to Ohio 15. Work is being performed by Underground Utilities Inc. for the village of Ney.

Paulding County:

Ohio 66 north of Oakwood - Pavement repair will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 500 between Ohio 49 (Main St.) & the east intersection of Ohio 500 & Ohio 613, east edge of Payne - Route will close for two weeks beginning May 17 for sanitary sewer work and paving. Traffic on Ohio 500 detoured onto Ohio 49 (Main Street), within the Village of Payne, and Ohio 111 back to Ohio 500. Ohio 613 traffic detoured onto Ohio 49, Ohio 111 and U.S. 127 back to Ohio 613. Work is being performed by Underground Utilities Inc. for the village of Payne.

Ohio 637 bridge (5-span) over the Auglaize River, between Ohio 111 and Ohio 66 east of Junction - Bridge repairs will occasionally 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.

VAN WERT'S PEONY FESTIVAL TO KICK OFF SUMMER

Van Wert Fairgrounds will be a place of activity the weekend of June 3-6. Activities throughout the weekend include the annual Peony pageant to a Craft/Garage Sale. A flower Show will happen on Saturday from 1:00-5:00 and

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Grandstand Activities will be going on all weekend. Truck Wars, Antique Truck Show, Michindoh Pulls, Street Stock Pulls.

Henry Rife will be doing his 4 wheeler jumps every night of the festival. He will jump over six semi tractors on Friday, seven semi tractors on Saturday, and eight semi tractors on Sunday. Henry Rife says this has never been done before for a record... He has been seen on the David Letterman show, and around many events in the area. He is a Van Wert native so come out and support him on his jumps.

There will be live bands on both Friday and Saturday night. They will start at 8:00 p.m. down by the grandstand. The bands playing are Bydus and Ground Floor.

The entrances into the fairgrounds will be off of Fox Road Gates 4 and 5 and Balyeat Ave. Gate 1. The main gate will be closed.

There will be a Cruise In Friday night in Downtown Van Wert from 6:00-9:00 p.m. along with a band called PaPa Doo Run Run that will be playing 50's through 70's music in the Fountain Park. The Peony Parade is on Saturday starting at 5:00 p.m. It will start at the fairgrounds and work north up Washington Street. The Peony Festival will have their raffle tickets at the Fairground Craft/Garage sale on Thursday. The raffle prizes are Honda ATV 4 wheeler, 42inch Flat Screen TV with blue ray, and a Wii with two controllers and two games. These prizes will be given away Friday during the events uptown.

PAULDING ACE HARDWARE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP



By: Sue Knapp

Tom and Kim Sinn along with Josh and Christina Sinn—the new owners of Paulding's Ace Hardware—have been in business together for several years. They buy residential houses and fix them up. Tom and Kim are farmers and Josh worked for Dilly Door. Along with fixing up the houses, this makes them well-qualified to run a hardware.

When the ACE Hardware in Paulding came up for sale, and after weighing the pros and cons, Tom, Kim, Josh and Christina decided to go for it. Tom and Kim helps where needed, but it is Josh who manages the hardware.

Tom and Kim's son, Lance, also works at the hardware. He is in charge of the Plant Center. He also has a business on the side (see related article).

The hardware has new flooring, painting was done and the shelves are stocked and loaded with new items.

May 15th was set aside for the grand opening. Donuts

were served in the morning and hot dogs were grilled for the customers' appetites. These prizes were awarded: Mary Bussing won a 2 gal. hand sprayer; Brent McGarvey, Ace 58-piece socket set; Don Manz, Irwin 65-piece drill drive set; Lisa Rhonehouse, shammy & umbrella; John Gochenour, Kook operator fan.

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speech to honor the nurses for all their dedication, interest, strength, and passion for their profession. He also thanked them for all their commitment and compassion they put into each individual patient they care for.

The nurses at the nursing home then handed out pastel colored balloons to each of the residents and helped them outside to release them to honor National Nursing Home Week and National Nurses Week.

On May 13th, the residents are going to have a virtuous breakfast for the nurses to celebrate their special day.



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By: Pastor Joel DeSelm,
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Though Mother's Day has come and gone once again, I will want to tip my hat to all those faithful moms who continue to diligently keep plugging ahead in spite of incredible odds.

A mother's work never seems to be "done." There are always more meals to prepare, more dishes to do, more loads of laundry to run through, more dentist appointments to chauffeur kids to, more homework assignments to help on, more rooms to be vacuumed, and the list continues to grow exponentially.

It seems like moms are the ones who always have to pick up after the kids, the dog, and (most often) us husbands. And too often, mothers get very little demonstrations of appreciation from her kids, the dog, or her husband. Yes, mothering can be a thankless job. It's not for the thin-skinned or faint of heart—for even when moms try to do their dead-level best, they seldom hear the words of gratitude.

I read recently of an encounter where on a particular occasion, little Johnnie had to be spanked. He cried and pouted and carried on for a long time, not because he was hurt as much as he was mad.

With his lip stuck out and his arms folded over his chest, feelings of revenge began to settle in his heart.

Finally bedtime came, so Mother went in to hear him as Johnnie said his prayers. That night Johnnie prayed eloquently and asked God's blessing on every member of his family except one.

Then, with a look of triumph, he slipped angrily under his covers and muttered as his mother kissed him and touched him in, "I suppose you noticed you wasn't IN it..."

No being a mom isn't the easiest job in the world. And because our children are seldom the ones who are going to give mom the strokes, the encouragement, and the comforting support, who does that leave to step up and be the encourager? Her children's father.

All of us like to be appreciated, loved and valued. And,

if we're honest, there's not a one of us who doesn't enjoy words of encouragement, acknowledgement, and praise.

If I can give a word of challenge to each of us dads this week it would be this: The best thing you can do for your children is to love their mother. And one of the best ways you can love your children's mother is to affirm her with your words.

And even though Mother's Day is gone, it's still not too late to be the one in the family to set the example. Make a point today to demonstrate your love, appreciation, and gratitude through your actions and your words for the women you married.

A PENNY—A WORTHLESS TREASURE?

Winning the Battle for a Generation Column by: Rick Jones, Executive Director, Defiance Area Youth for Christ

I can't speak for those who are listening by radio but I know that I can get so wrapped up with the things of the world there have been times that I have missed the most truly wonderful and exciting parts of life.

For example, author and pastor, Calvin Miller writes, "One day I was walking down the streets of a Montana city with a fellow preacher who had his 3-year old son along. As we walked the little boy looked down and saw a penny lying on the sidewalk. The child became so excited, he reached down and grabbed it. He could have been no happier if it were a thousand dollars."

"Daddy, Daddy," he cried. "Look what I found—a penny!"

"His excitement fascinated me. I could not imagine getting so excited about so little. I ran my hand into my pocket and found I had a whole pocket full of change, mostly pennies. I hurried my step to walk just ahead of the child and for the next few moments I dropped pennies for the sheer joy of watching his excitement as he found them."

"Pennies buy so little that I didn't even feel any sense of sacrifice in what I was doing. But to the little boy the retrieval of every one of them was over and again erupting with joy."

"I doubt if I would even stop to pick up a penny, and yet that which was not to be treasured by me was clearly celebrated by the child. I have been overwhelmed time and again by what seems to be God's sense of wonder. Treasuring the seemingly worthless is somehow like our God."

The scriptures give us a snapshot of what goes on in Heaven, the absolute joy and excitement present among God and His angels when a person gets right with God, Luke 15:8-10 (NIV), 8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defyfc@embarqmail.com

THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT SIN

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Sin is thoughts or behavior which is contrary to the glory or character of God. Sin is to commit an offense against God's laws. So get your Bible and concordance and let's spend some time studying the truth about sin. Please pray, and seek God's help in our study.

Sin is defined as:
1 John 3:4 – Sin is transgression against God's law.

1 John 5:17 – All unrighteousness is sin.

Romans 14:23 – Whatever is not of faith is sin.

Sources of sin in:
John 8:44 – Satan is the sinner's father.

Matthew 15:19-20 – Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, and they cause a person to sin.

James 1:15 – When lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin.

Kinds of sin:
Joshua 7:20 – Achan's sin was a personal sin.

Isaiah 3:9 – Their sin was shameless, for they hide it not.

1 Timothy 5:24 – Some People's sins or open, we see what they are doing.

Hebrews 10:26 – When we sin willfully, after becoming Christians, Christ is no longer our sacrifice, for there isn't another sacrifice or way.

What are the consequences among the unregenerate?
John 8:34 – The sinner is the slave of sin. Study Romans 7:9-24.

Romans 6:23 – The payday for sin is death.

God's attitude for sin:
Exodus 32:34 – God will punish sin

Exodus 34:6-7 – God forgives us of our sins.

Christ Relationship to sin:
1 John 3:5 – Christ is pure of sin, has committed no sin.

1 Corinthians 15:3 – Christ died for our sins.

1 John 1:7-9 – Jesus cleanses us from sin.

Bible questions? Please call James Potter at 419 393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert at 419 399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church

of Christ. Loved ones please remember to give part of your day in prayer and bible study.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lindsey and Scott Arend of Paulding, are the proud parents of Giselle Brooks Arend. She was born at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, on May 9, 2010 at 9:04 weighing 8 lbs. 5.5 oz., and 20" long.

Giselle was welcomed home by her big brother, Grady Arend. Proud grandparents are Mike and Marsha Rohrs of Antwerp; Dave and Joanna Arend of Paulding; Proud great-grandparents are Floyd and Dollene Rohrs of Antwerp; Irene and Rack Reckweg of Woodburn; and Jack and Marie Moore of Paulding.

SELECTING, BUYING & PLANTING BEDDING PLANTS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

The arrival of bedding plants marks the beginning of spring, even for the most casual gardener. You can begin the selection by determining if you what to purchase perennials or annuals. Perennial plants grow and spread for years. The initial cost is greater, but they are a permanent addition to the garden. After three years, most perennials need dividing, giving you and your

friends hundreds of new plants.

Annuals are a one-season plant that will continue blooming until the first freezing temperatures around October 10 for northwest Ohio. To continue blooming, annuals require close attention to watering, fertilizing, weeding and deheading. Annuals often are used in new landscapes as colorful fillers, while foundation shrubbery grows and matures. They also can be planted in hanging baskets and containers adding color to a deck, garden, or patio. Annual plants often are more costly in the long run than perennials, because they must be replaced each year.

The average spring frost-free date for Paulding County is May 15. If tender annuals are planted too early, an early frost could kill every plant. Perennials and hardy annuals such as pansies and snapdragons will survive a light frost.

Select plants that are suitable to the selected site. Most garden centers will list the specific exposure, soil and cultural requirements for a variety of plants. In the absence of signs with this information, read the tag on each variety. Note the amount of sun the plants will receive.

If plants are purchased directly from a greenhouse, they'll need to be hardened-off. Move them outside for longer periods of time each day until they can remain

safely outdoors. Prepare the soil well before you plant. Paulding County soils are generally heavy. The structure of clayey soils can be changed by adding organic matter such as peat moss, well-rotted manure or garden compost. Spread two to three inches of the organic matter over the soil and till or spade into the soil. Add a well-balanced fertilizer at this time. Don't take short cuts with soil preparation. When planting a perennial garden, you have just one chance to do it correctly.

Water and drain cell-packs for 5 to 10 minutes before removing the plants. Remove transplants from cell-packs by gently squeezing the bottom of each cell. Take out the plants one by one to delay drying of the root ball. Pinch off long coiled bottom roots with a garden knife and gently rough up root-bound areas. Arrange the plants close enough together to make a full, attractive bed.

As a general rule, don't plant seedlings deeper than they were in the cell-pack. Firm the soil lightly around the plants and water thoroughly with a soft spray nozzle attached to a hose. Transplant shock can be minimized by planting during cooler times of the day, preferably evening. Protect newly planted seedlings from wind for a day or two.

Paulding County Hospital Family Health Day

Saturday, June 12 ~ 7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
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Visit our website to download pre-registration forms

Downloaded pre-registration forms - need to be returned to PCH with payment and self-addressed envelope included by June 10th.

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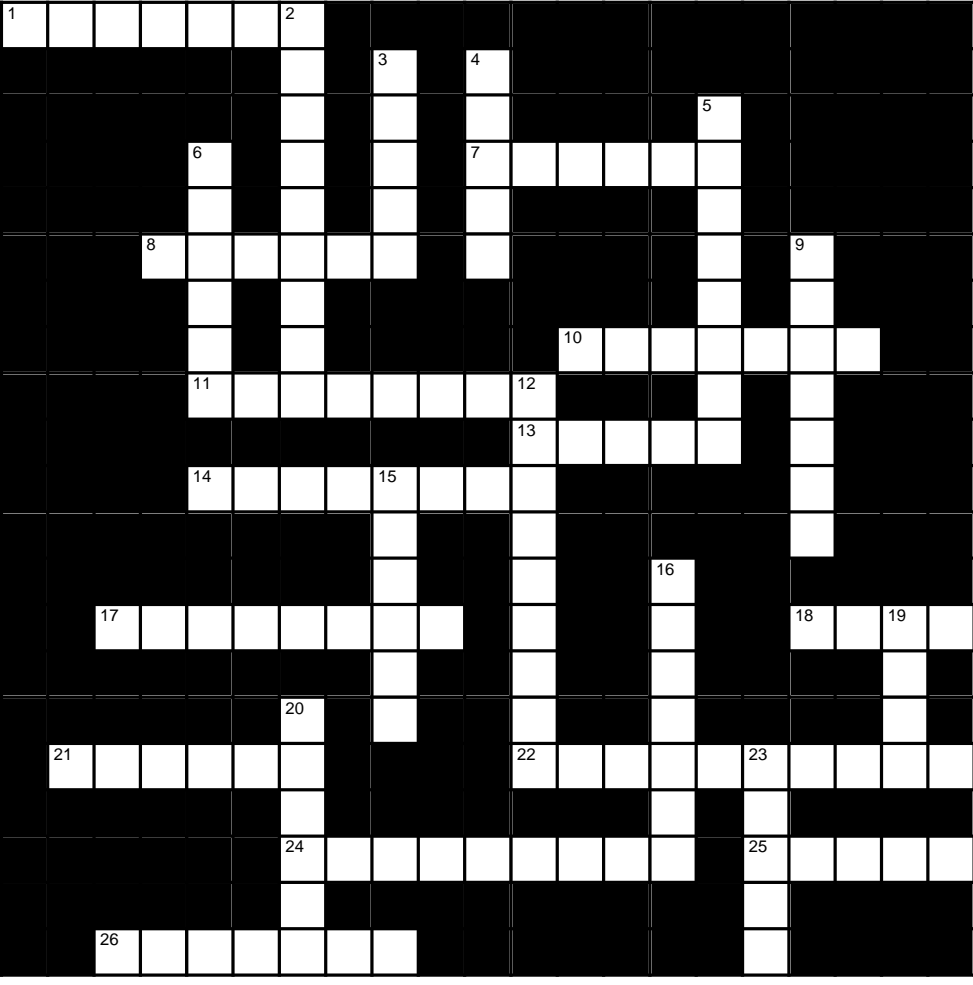
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. A replica of the London Bridge now is in WHAT state?
7. Metal coins were introduced HERE in 625 BC.
8. Oscar the Grouch's pet worm is named this.
10. Before shoestrings, shoes were fastened with THESE.
11. You burn more calories doing THIS than by watching TV.
13. THIS is the first bird mentioned in the Bible.
14. The king of hearts is the only king without one of these.
17. This Hawaiian island means "sheltered harbor."
18. More crops are destroyed by THIS than tornadoes.
21. This fruit is the world's largest herb.
22. The official state sport of Alaska is THIS.
24. The fastest racquet sport is THIS.
25. The only planet in our solar system to rotate clockwise.
26. These animals kill more people annually than plane crashes.

Down

2. These are the only cricket that can chirp. (2 words)
3. Oak trees have to be at least this many years old to produce acorns.
4. Lemons contain more of THIS than strawberries.
5. Most dust particles in your house is caused from this. (2 words)
6. The plastic things on the end of a shoestring are called THIS.
9. It takes this long to make jelly beans. (2 words)
12. This breed of dog has the best eye sight.
15. These, and not coffee, are more efficient in waking you up in the morning.
16. This "man" was the King of Swing.
19. Persia was renamed THIS.
20. Barbara Millicent Roberts is the full name of WHO.
23. No piece of paper can be folded more than THIS many times.

MASONS READY FOR PORT-A-PIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND-RAISER

WM Richard Wann opened a Lodge of EA and the pledge was given. Birthday cards were signed and sent to James Coleman, Carl Clark, Estel Cottrell, Bob Elliott, Doyle Johnson, Steve Metz, Gene Volkert, Jimmie J. Volkert, Elmer Woodcox, and Mark Leavell. There was no sick or distressed members reported.

50-year members present were Doyle Johnson, Richard Savage, Estel Cottrell, and Elmer Woodcox. Others on the sidelines included Russell St. John, Ken Crouch, Curly Lilly, Scott Ruppert, Mike Villena, Jim Kline, Bill Metz, Dick Wann, Richard Savage, George Underwood, Jamie Larson, Michal Mazur, Josh Dennison, Fred Shaffer.

The Chicken BBQ Committee reported that Port-A-Pit will be at the Hicksville Bank on Saturday June 12 for our Scholarship Fundraiser and that 300 halves were ordered. Those that signed

up to help were D. Wann, T. Betts, J. Kline, J. Dennison, D. Savage, and Chapman. B. Metz said he will contact First Place and Hix TV for ads. Hi-Way pick up was completed by T. Betts, J. Kline, J. Stotler, B. Metz, R. Metz, and D. Savage.

Widow's Night was held at the Hickory Hills Country Club on Thursday May 13 at 6:00 p.m. There were 27 widows and guests. Those widows that were honored included Evelyn Phillips (Dick), Esther Whonsetler (Bernie), Evelyn Gorrell (F.B. Chuck), Emma Conley (Alvin), Mary Fogle (Ed), Martha Bender (Raymond), Maxine Haver (Woodrow), and Bonnie Poper (Allen). Other enjoying the evening included Joe and Kathi Stotler, Doyle and Louise Johnson, Russell and Betty St. John, Jamie and Jessica Larson, Gene and Jeanette McClellan, Dick Wann, Dick and Barb Savage, Jim and Susie Kline, and Michal and Stephanie Mazur. The guest speaker for the evening was Defiance County Chief Deputy Doug Engle. He is in charge of the

MANN Unit and spoke on the ever present drug problem in the area.

WB K. Crouch thanked everyone for the sympathy card in the passing of his father. It was mentioned that the Annual Awards Night will be held in Archbold at "The Barn" on May 21. Eight reservations were sent. There were five Hicksville candidates attending the 1-Day class in Bryan last Saturday, May 15. The newest members of Hicksville Lodge are Steve King, Robert Phillips, Steve St. John, Ryan St. John and Kevin St. John.

Degree work was conferred on two new members. Dick Wann gave the Lecture and Jim Kline delivered the charge. The 3rd Degree will be exemplified at the next stated meeting which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Scott Ruppert presented an LEO Program on "What can one say about Freemasonry." at the end of the meeting. With no further business the Lodge was closed in full form and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BEAUTY

By: Sue Knapp
 In May of 1960 Kitty Keeler opened The Beauty Box in Paulding. She built the building, which sits in front of the house, worked in the shop full time and raised her three kids. In 1969 the family moved to Philadelphia and she rented out the shop to Heather Miller then Debbie Bakle and finally Becky Carr.

The family moved back in 1975, and Kitty and her daughter Deb started working together in the shop. Kitty part-time and Deb full-time. In 1993 Kitty retired and Deb took over the business. Kitty passed away four years ago.

Kitty had a philosophy, "a lady who works deserves to have her hair done in a relaxing atmosphere."

To this day, Deb, tries to make each visit—either male or female—enjoyable. The best compliment she receives is how their day is made by spending time in the salon.

Deb is very appreciative of her mom's legacy. So many of Deb's customers have become her friends. A lot of fun is had, but also a lot of tears shed.

Sometimes Deb asks herself if God gave her mom the strength to open the salon so she could support her kids or to bless Deb. Either way God has done both.

Deb Atchley and husband, Larry, have been married 31 years. They have one son, Justin, who lives in Cleveland. One of Deb's brothers lives in the house behind the shop and the other brother lives in Toledo.

Deb's hobbies are paper crafting, keeping her home and she loves to cook. Deb is also the Fiscal Clerk for Mark Township. She runs The Beauty Box three days a week.

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STEELE - MANZ



Tim and Vicky Steele would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Jessica Steele of Paulding, Ohio to Joseph Manz of Paulding, Ohio. Joseph is the son of Roger and Lisa Manz of Paulding.

Hicksville Elementary and Joseph is a production supervisor at InSource Technologies, Inc. The wedding will take place on June 5, 2010 at the East Allen Church of Christ with the reception at Grant's Reception Hall following the ceremony.

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ANOTHER BEAR STORY

By: Stan Jordan

Here it is, May again, and Antwerp's fearless bear hunters are heading out into the wilds after another trophy.

The truck-mobile is loaded with Ray and Tom Friend, Dave Bagley, Steve Jordan and another hunter who will remain nameless. Plus all their gear and high powered bear rifles and a little liquid refreshment and a few essentials and non-essentials.

A few nights ago, one of the hunters mentions that he had heard of a monster bear in the Bad Lands of South Dakota that was very mean and when he was mad he turned a pinkish red and growled loudly a lot.

One of the other hunters said there was a story about that in this month's 'Bear Hunter's Guide'. I guess the fact that when he gets upset or nervous or mad he gets a light red color all over and that scares those bear hunters to death. They just have to go draw a bead on this killer.

After leaving Antwerp, we swung to the west toward South Dakota. Someone told us to stop about 100 miles east of Deadwood where the bear was last seen.

We stopped at a desolate place and rigged up our large tent that was our home and headquarters, but nothing else. No town, no water, no electricity, no outhouse, no nothing! This was in Zebach County, north of the Cheyenne Indian Reservation down by Red Butte and Plum Creek and a National Forest Reserve.

All is colored rock, I don't know what a rabbit would eat here let alone a huge wild bear. A farmer couldn't raise hell on this ground with a fifth of whiskey'. That is why it is called the Bad Lands.

After a fairly good night in the sleeping bag on an air

mattress, we are up and ready to go after this huge mean brute.

I'm sure it is a good thing that we all are carrying the hand held version of the Ground Positioning System. We have them bore sighted, zeroed in and they will lead us back to our camp. The only living people in one hundred miles in any direction.

Along towards evening, Steve Jordan came into camp all wore out from running, his eyes were big and you could tell he had seen something unusual. After he guzzled a half a liquid refreshment he started to tell us what he saw.

He said, "I just saw the biggest, meanest, ugliest, dirtiest, smelliest bear I ever saw. When he got mad he completely turned a shade of pink-red. I will not go after him without a 200 Grain Bullet. I ran from him because I knew my .30 Cal would just bounce off him and make him mad. I just might give up bear hunting altogether."

Somebody spruced up the fire and added a couple big chunks that would run well into the night.

It was at this time that Tom Friend walked back into camp. We all sat around the fire—Dave, Ray, Steve and I. Tom Friend poured himself a coffee, took a deep breath and then said, "I don't know where to start!"

This is not like Tom and the four of us became all ears in anticipation of some exciting news.

"Over there around in Red Butte area," Tom was telling, "I came around the side of a rock formation and there stood the biggest, ugliest, dirtiest, smelliest bear I have ever seen. But there was something different about him, he seemed glad to see me, I think he even smiled at me. He walked up to me and put both his big paws on my shoulders and gave me a nice bear hug. I pushed my arms around his neck and I bumped a little box on the back of his neck and his whole hairy chest lit up in a pinkish-red sign that read, 'Eat at Joe's'. Yes, that's right, 'Eat at Joe's!'"

"These neon sign tubes were buried quite deep in his big hairy chest. There was a paper in a clear plastic sleeve. There was also a little metal collar on a chain that said, 'This is Hairy the Bear from

'Joe's Bar & Grill' in Deadwood, South Dakota.'

"The Junior and Senior Class of Deadwood, South Dakota are generally known by the area schools as the 'Deadwood Deadbeats' but that isn't always true. The boys in those two classes were all known to Hairy the Bear who was a street wise adventurer. He walked with his master on the streets of Deadwood, South Dakota with a sign around his neck that stated 'Eat at Joe's'."

"After a few years, Hairy the Bear got old and grumpy and his master stated he was going to take him to the Bad Lands and turn him loose. Let him live out his years in peace and quiet with his own kind."

"Some of the high school shop class liked Hairy. Well, everyone knew him for years and knew he was going to be missed. So they went behind the local bar and grill and picked up some old neon light tubes and some neon gas. They rigged up a sign and buried it deep in the hair on Hairy Bear's chest. They installed a solar powered battery on the nape of Hairy's neck."

"This whole rig worked fine as long as Harry did not rub too hard on the scratching tree. He was like all bears, he tended to rub hard on anything solid. I think all bears have some kind of a mite deep in that heavy coat of hair."

"Please do not harm Hairy as he loves everybody and will not harm you." "Thank you from 3,700 people of Deadwood, South Dakota." circa September 17, 2007."

All the big bear hunters sat and listened to Tom's very interesting story. It took a while and a few questions for this turn of events to sink in.

I guess the last I heard before I went to sleep was Steve Jordan, the big bear hunter, say, "Let's pull out in the morning and go to our usual haunts up in Canada."

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

An elderly couple were sitting on the porch swing on a fine June day.

This poor fellow was a Mr. Milktoast. All his life he had a steady diet of Hot Tongue and Cold Shoulder.

She asked, "Do you know what day this is?"

He said, "Yes, this is Saturday."

"No, I don't mean that, what day is this?"

"This is June 27th."

"Well, yes it is! But what other big day is this?"

"Well, I don't know, this is Saturday, June 27th!"

"You don't remember what a big day this is?"

"No, I guess not!"

"Well, you bobble head? This is our 50th wedding anniversary!"

"HmMMM, so it is."

"We were married 50 years ago today. Don't you remember anything about it?"

"Yes, I do. I remember your father jabbing his shotgun in my stomach and yelling, 'Either you marry my daughter, or I will have you put in jail for 50 years!' And today I would have been a free man!"

See ya!

AHS CLASS OF 1950



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture of the 1950 graduating class of AHS was loaned to us by Barbara Reeb Cleland.

Back Row: (l-r) Edward Cline, Jack Ruger, Harry Cottrell, David Schaefer, Joe Oulette, Mr. Samaha, Thomas Cottrell, Richard

Mielke, Ted Garmyn, John Rogers

Center Row: (l-r) Ray Billman, William Wetli, Hollis Bissell Garmyn, Betty Overmeyer Procratsky, Dolores Quisno Cottrell, Hazel Fett Jones, Grace Jordan Gross, Doris Gruber Springer, James Quaintance

Front Row: (l-r) Mary Jane Gilbert Zielke, Jane Trutwin Ankney, Joan He-menover Goodman, Bera-dyne Begley Rogers, Dolores Ryan, Barbara Begley Guy-ton, Clarice Bell Baker, Jean Thomas Derricotte

See ya!



Photo by Amy Kutzli

(Continued from Page 1)

burn Fire Department.

John stated that one of the big sales was a dinner for twelve at one of Fort Wayne's big steak houses and it went for \$1,200.00 Like, I said, the people really support their benefits.

John said on one of the dinners they had 1,000 chickens and ribs. On another dinner they had 10 hogs for the barbecue.

One dinner the weather was very good and they served 3,500 dinners and they were able to turn over \$34,000 to Woodburn Fire Department.

This year the weather was cold, windy and rainy and the crowd was a little smaller, but they still were able to turn over \$24,000 to the Woodburn Fire Department.

You see, like I say, all of the food is donated. All of the auction items and event site is donated.

The dining hall is like a big utility room and John said that it is used for a variety of things.

A few years back a men's basketball team came in and played in the utility room and later on they played the Cleveland Cavaliers. They were a big name team.

When we were at the benefit that Saturday night, the firemen were called out on a barn fire. It was a terribly windy afternoon and a big barn on the Noah Dele-grange farm, was destroyed.

Well, John and Lydiann, we here at The West Bend News in Antwerp, Ohio really enjoyed our supper with you the fine fellowship. I enjoyed our visit Saturday night and again on the phone on Tuesday.

I would like to say that when you folks put on a benefit, you do it right!!

A tip of my ball cap to all of you.

See ya!

OHIO FARM BUREAU YOUNG AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS RETREAT SET FOR JULY 10

Hop, swim, gallop, slither or stampede to an exciting day with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF).

The OFBF Young Agricultural Professionals (YAP) Summer Retreat will be held Saturday, July 10, at the world-famous Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. The event is open to OFBF members between the ages of 18 and 35, as well as their children.

YAP families will begin

their day with a self-guided walking safari of the zoo. Following a delicious lunch, participants will attend a program showing them how to become "agvocates" for agriculture while the kids take part in a special presentation by storyteller Lynn Ford.

Registration includes zoo admission and lunch. It does not include Jungle Jack's Landing, Zoombezi Bay, the train and boat rides or parking. The registration deadline is Thursday, June 24. To learn more or to register, contact your county Farm Bureau office.

OFBF membership is required to participate in the Summer Retreat. If you are not a current Farm Bureau member, contact your county Farm Bureau office or visit www.GrowWithFB.org to join.

The West Bend News website has many pictures of area events. Be sure to visit www.westbendnews.net

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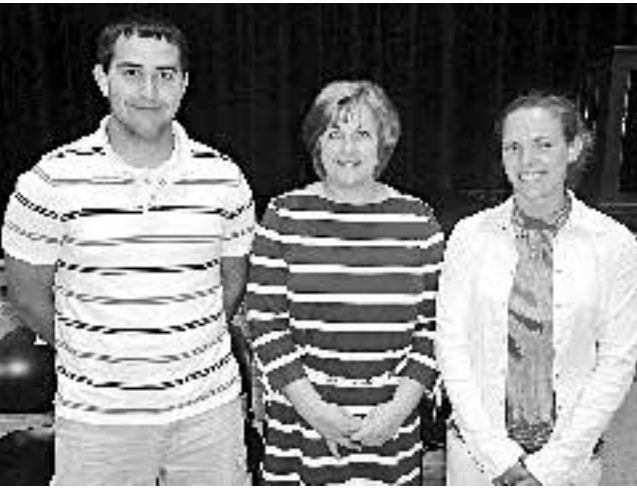
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2010 PHS ZACHARY AREND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The Zachary Arend Scholarship for this year was awarded to Paulding High School seniors Jaime Buchman, Staci Manz, and Danielle Grindstaff.

PHS STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Pictured are Derek Schlatter, presenter Joanie Goyings, and Stephanie Donaldson of Paulding High School. Derek and Stephanie were recipients of the Bradley Bennett Dangler Scholarship. The senior awards ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: **Caroline Zimmerman**
Indian Planting Moon

May was traditionally the month for planting for the Indians. It seems 2010 has been unusually wet and a little cooler than usual but the yards and fields are still an emerald green and beautiful because of all the moisture.

The Indians also considered it the moon of the flowers because of all the wild flowers that bloom during May and when people from the western states come to Ohio they are amazed at the amount of grass that is growing everywhere!

Our redbud is fading and pear trees; however, bloodroot, violets, lily of the valley, wild ginger, blue bell, cranes bill, sweet william, may apples, anemones, jack-in-the-pulpit and buttercups are all visible in certain areas.

In early May in northeast Ohio are tiny waxen bells of blueberry blossoms are apparent in early May. The birds love these areas. At daybreak, even in Paulding County, the noise of the early birds makes it hard to get back to sleep. May is warbler month and they arrive about the time the trees start to leaf. Usually the brightest colored birds come back to Ohio during the month of May. The orange and black of the northern oriole (they like to perch in cherry trees) and the rose-breasted grosbeak (black jacket, white shirt and a flowing rose-colored tie) with a song like a robin, make their welcoming sounds.

Killdeers are making nests on the bare ground (I just found a nest by the pond with four tan spotted small eggs in it). Of course, the mother was acting like she was crippling several feet away which is their way to distract you from the nest. I am curious about how many cats know where that nest is.

Two owls can be heard at night sometimes, the great horned and barred owls are still around. We also have doves that 'coo' back and forth

to each other in the morning and in the evening. The owls, of course, are birds of prey, so other animals and birds are frightened of them.

Our greatest joy at this time is hearing our frogs and tadpoles each sundown on the pond. There is something about the 'knowing' that there is wildlife out there. The frogs croak and the tadpoles 'click'. It's kind of strange to hear them up to full speed. If they hear a noise, they shut down until one of them has the courage to start 'talking again'.

We just stocked our pond with some Koi fish and other fish, but so far we haven't seen them. They took off when they were released and have been too timid to come up for a handout. Our fisherman friends started rubbing their hands together when we said we stocked the pond and I said, "No!" "How could I let you do that to my little friends?" A few years ago one of our neighbors, who is no longer with us, fished the fish out of our pond when we were on vacation—without permission. I guess you have to ride shotgun on everything you own.

THE MASSACRE AT WOUNDED KNEE

By: **Stan Jordan**

This is the second part of the battle. To remind you a little bit I will bring you up to date.

The U.S. Government reneged on a treaty, like always. They had given the Indians all of the North Central United States, theirs forever and ever. Well, when gold was discovered there, there was no way of keeping the whites out of there—and the Indians couldn't use gold—so the government gave them new reservations in what is called the Bad Lands.

The government wanted to change the Indians to live like the Americans do: farm, raise crops and vegetables, but that ground won't raise anything. It is hot, dry and rocky. Besides Sitting Bull and his tribes were hunters and game

gatherers, not farmers.

This is a bad scene all around. The Indians were not getting the help from Washington as promised. The money was allotted to the tribes, but the crooked Indian Agents stole them blind. So the tribes bound together under Wovaka, a Piute Prophet, and started to do the Ghost Dance.

The Ghost Dance was not war-like. They believed that by doing the Ghost Dance their dead relatives would return, the buffalo would come back, this white man would go away and everything would return as before.

Well, the whites didn't understand the ways of the 'red man' and didn't care about learning anything about the dumb lazy Indians. Someone had told the whites that the Ghost Dance would lead to uprising.

Well, the whites got nervous and called in the troops. The troops had four Hotchkiss Cannons and set them up on two sides of the Indian encampment on Wounded Knee Creek. Of course, the Indians got nervous and the white settlers got nervous.

I told you about Sitting Bull being arrested and then killed by accident along with eight other natives and six of the Indian Police.

After Sitting Bull's death, his half-brother, Spotted Elk or Big Foot became Chief.

On December 28, 1890, Spotted Elk became very ill with pneumonia, so his tribe set off on a trip to see Red Cloud at the Pine Ridge Reservation.

But this column was intercepted by a Major Whiteside and the 7th Calvary. Chief Spotted Elk surrendered peacefully and they were escorted about five miles to a camp on Wounded Knee Creek. This was already a campground with a store and a few log houses.

There were about 500 soldiers, with those four cannons placed around the camp. There was about 350 Native Americans, all were women and children except 120.

At daybreak on the 29th of December, the soldiers ordered everyone to turn over their arms. Well, Black Coyote was deaf and raised his gun and said he paid good money for his rifle and wasn't going to give it to anyone.

The troops surrounded Black Coyote and in a scuffle the rifle discharged and the troops started killing the Indians, many of them were unarmed. It was close in fighting and most of the Indian men fell in the first few seconds.

While the soldiers were fighting the Indians at close range, some troops fired the cannons right into the tepees that were full of women and

children. Some of the soldiers were hit by the fire of the Hotchkiss Artillery. Some of the women and children fled the camp and took refuge in a ravine. The officers lost control of their men and the killing was rampant.

Some of the soldiers went around and finished off the wounded. Others leaped on their horses and chased the men, women and children for miles across the prairie. The fighting lasted less than an hour. At least 150 Lakota had been killed and 50 wounded. They listed the Army dead as 25 and 29 wounded.

There was all kinds of tales about how the shooting started, but all agree it had to do with the deaf Black Coyote not willing to give up his rifle. A lot of misinterpretation on both sides.

The area was covered with the dead. The soldiers left the Indian corpses lay on the ground and after a three day blizzard all men, women and children were gathered up and placed in a common grave.

The natives that didn't get killed were taken to a reservation with no heart or facilities, just a little above being dead.

In 1903 a monument was erected at the site. A group called The Big Foot Memorial Riders, each year come and honor the Wounded Knee Massacre. This pilgrimage gets bigger each year. They carry a white flag of truce and pray for peace for all times.

There has been lots of inquiries and critiques over this massacre, but no court martial. General Miles had a General Forsyth removed from his command. He said Forsyth did not obey orders. Lots of charges and counter charges.

After a few months, it ended like all other Army errors, nobody was guilty of anything and the Colonel soon became a General.

Now 120 years later, it seemed like it could have been handled differently, maybe a little more compassion and a little more kindness. I'm glad I wasn't there.

See ya!

PAULDING SWCD OFFICE MOVES

Due to budget cuts the SWCD Office has moved to 503 Fairground Drive.

Paulding SWCD Board Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the OSU Extension Office building.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reading mis-representative Bob Latta's nonsense about picking republican ideas to cut the budget is laughable! These guys had the House and Senate from 1994 to 2006! Look at what they brought us: deregulating everything their friends wanted, bankrupted the treasury, two "oil" wars, and lots of other mindless spending! If we operated like these guys did, most of us would be in jail for fraud! Mis-rep. Bob has the back of the guys who grease his campaign coffers, NOT the average 5th district citizen! If mis-rep. Bob did what was right, (maybe I should say correct?) he would represent all of the people in the 5th district! Saying no to walk lock-step with the John Boneheads and the like does not help the common people in the district, only his image with the rich donors he courts! Money will show up in this election, and mis-rep. Bob will get in every newspaper he can to prop up his image! The 5th district de-

serves better, and the career politicians like our mis-rep. should be sent home! It used to be a great honor to represent the people in a congressional district, and serve all of the people in the district, not just campaign supporters! I'm not a leftist, or to the right, I believe in moderation in government. Serve the people, and do what's right for the majority. The people in the House need to work together, and stop the partisan bickering! I can remember when both parties got together and did the people's work. This is what is needed to move the issues through in a timely manner, not just obstructionism! mis-rep. Bob, and his bunch need to grow up, and get to work for us, not to keep being re-elected!

—Mike Porter

TINA HARTMAN EARNS DEGREE

Dr. Rolf Daniel, Provost at the University of Saint Francis, has announced that Tina Hartman, of Antwerp, has received an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree.

V.E.T.S. CIVIL WAR LISTING "M"

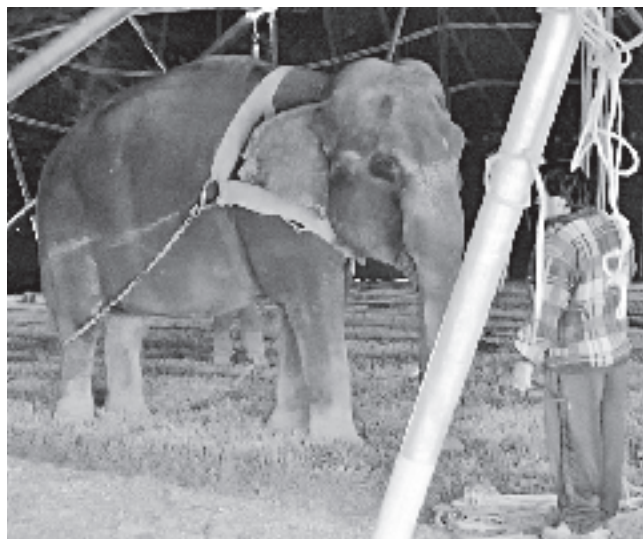
This week we have a long list of "M" veterans from the Civil War.

James Malachi, Joel Mallett, Christopher C Martin, Elias McCalla, Issac McCalla, Archibald C McCann, Thomas McCreary, Albert A McCurdy, William McCurdy

Hiram McKown, William C McNabb, George W Mears, Cornelius B Miller, John Miller Jr, William Miller, William Montpier, Patrick H Mooney, Abraham Moore, John W Morgan, Eli C Munson, Sylvanus Munson, Daniel Murphy, Robert S Murphy, Philip Murphy, Thomas Murphy, Samuel Myers, George S Myres

See anyone you know? Check us out next week we will list "N, O, P" Civil Veterans.

LISA RAISES THE BIG TOP



By: Sue Knapp

Paulding started its summer off with the Kelly Miller Circus this year. Sponsored by the Paulding County Lion's Club, the area has been entertained every two years with this extravaganza.

John Ringling North (part of the Ringling Brothers' family) bought the Kelly Miller Circus five years ago. Having grown up in a circus family he knows all the ins and outs and what it takes to put on a successful production. As a young boy he entertained as a clown.

The Kelly Miller Circus travels 23 states during their season, which opens in February and closes in October. Their winter home is in Hugo, Oklahoma which is called Circus City.

The Circus travels 11,000 miles per season with all the animals, performers and everybody and everything that is involved. Some of the crew members have been with Kelly Miller Circus for 25-30 years.

The Circus puts on two shows a day. They arrive at the venue early in the morning and take 2½ hours to set up. The public was invited to watch Lisa the elephant, pull up the center beams. With only one command Lisa pulled up the post with no trouble at all. Everyone helps having multiple tasks. Not surprisingly, it only takes less than one hour to tear down. The Circus then leaves town the next morning to do it all over again in another town.

The performers' and crews' families travel with the circus. School is provided for the children with a certified teacher and a teacher's aid. They have a chef that cooks two meals a day for seventy-five people.

There are several animals including three elephants weighing 8,000-10,000 pounds apiece; four camels weighing 1,200 pounds apiece; five tigers and one tiger cub; two snakes; two horses; nine ponies; 15 dogs, some which came from an animal shelter; one mule and Hugo the buffalo.

The show lasts for two hours with an intermission. During the intermission elephant and camel rides are offered. The performers come from all over the world: Australia, Argentina, Mexico, Peru, France and Italy are represented along with Texas, USA.

The Kelly Miller Circus was voted as having the best popcorn from an amusement association. They take

pride in providing the best concessions you can get.

If you weren't in Paulding this past weekend, the Kelly Miller Circus has come and gone for another year. Paulding County Lion's Club is very much appreciated for sponsoring such a big endeavor. We'll look forward to the Circus coming to town in two years.

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BUEHRER URGES SUPPORT FOR BILL TO BAN HUMAN CLONING IN OHIO

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) gave sponsor testimony yesterday before the Senate Health, Human Services & Aging Committee on Senate Bill 243, legislation that would place important limits in Ohio law to prohibit human cloning in the state and help protect the sanctity of human life.

"I think we can all agree that the scientific community has produced many great things for man kind over the years and new innovations will continue to shape our economy, our health and how we live for generations to come. However, a large majority of Ohioans agree that human cloning stretches beyond the boundaries of acceptable science and should not be allowed in our state," said Buehrer.

In March, Senator Buehrer introduced SB 243, which would ban any attempt to perform a human cloning procedure in Ohio. The bill is similar to Senate Bill 174, which he sponsored during the 127th General Assembly.

Currently, seven states, including Indiana and Michigan, have a complete ban on

human cloning, according to data from Americans United for Life.

In addition, SB 243 includes language that would forbid the creation of an animal-human hybrid by transferring or attempting to transfer a human embryo into a non-human womb or a non-human embryo into a human womb. Surprisingly, this dangerous and unnecessary procedure is being explored in some European countries, and several states are now considering legislation to stop it.

Senator Buehrer stressed that SB 243 does not restrict areas of scientific research that do not involve the cloning of human embryos, and the bill does not prohibit the use of animal parts for human transplants, which is widely practiced.

"SB 243 would put necessary safeguards in Ohio law to ban this unethical research and protect life, while also working to ensure our state's scientists have the freedom and resources to pursue other promising work," Buehrer added. "I look forward to hearing testimony from stakeholders on both sides of this issue in the coming weeks."

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2010 GMC TRACK & FIELD RESULTS



Shown here is Katie English from Antwerp participating in the 100 meter hurdles at Ayersville GMC Districts Track & Field. More pictures available at www.archerpics.com

Results for the 2010 GMC Track & Field competition that took place on Friday, May 14. The results listed are from our area schools.

Girls Pole Vault:

1. Steffel, Tinora; 2. Harlos, Ayersville; 3. Brumbaugh, Tinora; 4. Zartman, Wayne Trace

Boys Pole Vault:

1. Goebel, Edgerton; 2. Johnston, Ayersville; 3. McDonald Tinora; 4. Kimmel, Antwerp

Boys Shot Put:

1. Dunderman, Antwerp; 2. Kill, Edgerton; 3. Knick-Koppenhofer, Holgate; 4. Emehiser, Hicksville

Girls Discus Throw:

1. Grinnel, Fairview; 2. Watchman, Tinora; 3. Long, Wayne Trace; 4. Tollas, Hicksville

Boys Discus Throw:

1. Purnell, Tinora; 2. Dunlap, Antwerp; 3. Fry, Ayersville; 4. Comer, Wayne Trace

Girls High Jump:

1. Henricks, Edgerton; 2. Vail, Antwerp; 3. Steffel, Tinora; 4. Volmer, Fairview

Boys High Jump:

1. Smith, Ayersville; 2. Hastedt, Edgerton; 3. Kempf, Fairview

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay:

1. Wayne Trace - 11:07.6 - Matthews, Wenninger, Whitman, Stoller; 2. Tinora - 11:12.80 - Martin, Williamson, Flory, Caldwell; 3. Ayersville - 11:21.80 - Robbins, Bassous, Dockery, McKibben

Girls 100 Meter Hurdles:

1. Reeves, Tinora; 2. Vail, Antwerp; 3. Kissel, Tinora

Girls 100 Meter Dash:

1. Behrman, Tinora; 2. Hockenberry, Wayne Trace; 3. Wright-Craig-Shull, Hicksville

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay:

1. Wayne Trace - 1:52.60 - Hockenberry, Zartman, Wenninger, Grant; 2. Tinora - 1:53.10 - Behrman, Benecke, Keller, McCann; 3. Edgerton - 1:55.50 - Henricks, Clark, Wright, Nihart

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay:

1. Tinora - 1:34.50 - Hans-

ford, Benecke, Stokey, McCann; 2. Hicksville - 1:35.70 - Sailer, A Michael, Sechler, J Michael; 3. Edgerton - 1:38.40 - Sheets, Crowe, Lotz, Entenman; 4. Wayne Trace - 1:39.20 - Stahl, Sherry, Baksa, Gordon

Girls 1600 Meter Run:

1. McKibben, Ayersville, 5:49.70; 2. Stoller, Wayne Trace, 5:51.90; 3. Matthews, Wayne Trace, 6:10.60

Boys 1600 Meter Run:

1. Hilton, Antwerp, 4:42.80; 2. Lehman, Tinora, 4:51.10; 3. Mansfield, Ayersville, 4:52.40

Girls 400 Meter Dash:

1. Wenninger, Wayne Trace, 1:04.10; 2. Hockenberry, Wayne Trace, 1:04.60; 3. Roehrig, Fairview, 1:06.00

Boys 400 Meter Dash:

1. Strup, Tinora, 51.50; 2. Tobin, Fairview, 53.80; 3. Short, Antwerp, 53.90; 4. Gordon, Wayne Trace, 54.30

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles:

1. Benecke, Tinora, 40.50; 2. Sheets, Edgerton, 40.90; 3. Bradbury, Hicksville, 43.70; 4. Berry, Antwerp, 44.20

Girls 800 Meter Run:

1. Stoller, Wayne Trace, 2:35.40; 2. Caldwell, Tinora, 2:40.20; 3. Flory, Tinora, 2:44.90

Boys 800 Meter Run:

1. Rue, Ayersville, 2:05.10; 2. Dietsch, Edgerton, 2:07.10; 3. Sanderson, Fairview, 2:09.00; 4. Hilton, Antwerp, 2:09.20

Girls 200 Meter Dash:

1. Hockenberry, Wayne Trace, 27.50; 2. Behrman, Tinora, 28.00; 3. McCann, Tinora, 28.10

Girls 3200 Meter Run:

1. McKibben, Ayersville, 13:03.60; 2. Stoller, Wayne Trace, 13:07.10; 3. Matthews, Wayne Trace, 13:08.60

Boys 3200 Meter Run:

1. Hilton, Antwerp, 10:30.60; 2. Harpest, Tinora, 10:43.60; 3. Talbert, Fairview, 10:50.20

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay:

1. Wayne Trace - 4:26.30 - Wannemacher, Wenninger, Whitman, Zartman; 2. Ay-

ersville - 4:30.70 - Dockery, Martin, Erickson, Hug; 3. Tinora - 4:31.90 - Keller, Benecke, Flory, McCann

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay:

1. Edgerton - 3:34.09 - Entenman, Dietsch, Hug, Sheets; 2. Ayersville - 3:38.50 - Roth, Johnston, Mansfield, Rue; 3. Wayne Trace - 3:43.80 - Sherry, Stahl, Arnett, Gordon

Women Team Ranking:

1. Tinora, 159; 2. Wayne Trace 117; 3. Ayersville 72; 4. Edgerton 56; 5. Fairview 56; 6. Hicksville 45; 7. Antwerp 17; 8. Holgate 5

Men Team Ranking:

1. Tinora 131; 2. Edgerton 105.50; 3. Ayersville 73; 4. Antwerp 67; 5. Fairview 60.50; 6. Hicksville 52; 7. Wayne Trace 27; 8. Holgate 11

GMC 2010 ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their All Conference Scholar Athletes for the spring of 2010.

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Darcie Reinhart 3.94; Aly Skeens 3.76; Aaron Hughes 3.69; Justin Johnson 3.68; Kelsey Bashorew 3.66

AYERSVILLE:

JJ Erickson 4.0; Dillion Flint 4.0; Candace McCullough 4.0; Ashley Nagel 4.0; Lauren Hammersmith 3.98; Kelsey Dockery 3.9; Maria Erickson 3.93; Cole Limber 3.93; Andrea Ankney 3.91; Alex Ferland 3.74; Kurt Brown 3.55

EDGERTON:

Elizabeth Krill 4.0; Monica Frechette 3.91; Jazmyn Wagner 3.78; David Dietsch 3.74; Jayma Nihart 3.60

FAIRVIEW:

Bo Joost 4.0; Martin Singer 4.0; Nathan Singer 4.0; Nathan Yoder 3.93; Lydia Baughman 3.93; Rachel Nerad 3.85; Brandon Radcliff 3.85; Travis Kempf 3.82; Kayla Bostater 3.53; Jay Karnes 3.71; Zach Lee 3.6; Amber Christy 3.53

HICKSVILLE:

Macy Weatherhead 3.96; Dakota Reid 3.67

HOLGATE:

Jenna Clady 3.74; Ben Rohrs 3.62; Chris Theisen 3.61; Ethan Matson 3.53; Glynnis Prigge 3.52; Derek Klingshim 3.51

TINORA:

Jeremiah Bauer 4.0; Cassie Higbee 4.0; Casey McDonald 4.0; Josh Harpest 3.9; Ethan McKenney 3.9; Phil Stokey 3.9; Garrett Schafer 3.8; Kara Brownlee 3.8; Britt Gerken 3.7; Megan Puehler 3.6; Logan Kahle 3.5

WAYNE TRACE:

Jenna Stoller 4.0; Brenna Dunham 3.97; Alaina Hickman 3.96; Simon Hessler 3.9; Sarah Lantow 3.77; Vivian Baker 3.67; Rick Van DenHengel 3.62; Henk Akkerman 3.6; Dylan Flint 3.52

SUZANNE SMITH GRADUATES FROM IU

Suzanne Martha Smith, daughter of Don and Rebekah Smith, will receive her Bachelor Degree in General Studies from Indiana University at the Indiana-Purdue graduation exercises on Wednesday, May 12 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

ACFCC HOST DOUBLE FEATURE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

The Antwerp Community Fellowship and Care Campus (ACFCC) had a movie night last month and it went really well. So, we are doing it again. We are a non-profit organization in Antwerp, Ohio.

The next movie night is May 21, 2010 next Friday night, and this time we are doing a Double Feature. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., first movie is *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, a short intermission, then the second feature will be *Avatar*!

Admission is free, but free will donations are greatly appreciated and donations are then redistributed back into the Antwerp Community. There will be concessions to purchase snacks and drinks—please no outside food and beverages.

Also, bring your lawn chairs, bean bags, blankets or blow up mattress to sit and/or lay on as we will be in the old Antwerp School Gym. Come relax and enjoy a fun and affordable family night out at the movies!

NATIONAL WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENT AT THE SWAMP!

A National Wiffleball tournament will take place May 29, 2010 at The Swamp Wiffleball Field in Paulding.

This tournament will be played in a Round Robin format with six-player teams. Bats and balls to be furnished. No gloves needed. Money prizes to be awarded. To Enter call 419-399-2981 or www.eteamz.com/theshwamp

LADY WARRIORS KNOCK OUT STARFIRES



Instead of playing Antwerp Friday night, Woodlan took on South Adams in softball. The game started off close, but in by the fifth inning the Lady Warriors had won the game 11-1. Following the game was senior awards night for the young ladies. Currently, the girls have a great record of 16-5. Shown here is junior Grace Keller hitting the ball to left center earning a double and an RBI. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WOODEN BAT TOURNEY IN PAYNE

The Payne (Ohio) Ball Association is hosting a 10-under boys wooden bat baseball tournament on June 11, 12, and 13 at the Payne Community Park.

Players must be ten years or younger as of April 30, 2010.

For more information, please contact Michael Krouse at (419) 263-1393 or e-mail to payneball@verizon.net. Information is also available at www.leaguelineup.com/payneball.

2010 ANTWERP ARCHER SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

The 2010 Boys' Archer Basketball Camp (for boys entering grades 1-7) will be filled with four days of competition and instruction on the different skills that each young camper must learn to become a complete basketball player. Forms can be picked up at the Antwerp High School Office.

The camp will take place June 7-10 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Antwerp High School. Application and fee deadline due are Friday, May 28, 2010.

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EHRESMAN - MOREHEAD



Amanda Elaine Ehresman and Paul William Morehead would like to announce their upcoming wedding on May 29, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. The wedding will be held at the Edgerton Wesleyan Church in Edgerton, Indiana.

Amanda was a 2001 graduate of Wayne Trace High School, and Paul was a 2003 graduate of Wayne Trace High School. Amanda is employed at Goodtimes Saloon in Payne. Paul is employed at Merit Insulation, Payne. The

couple will reside in Payne. Mother of bride is Terrie Lee Ehresman of Payne. Father and step-mother are Kenny C. and Tammy Potts of Fort Wayne, IN.

Mother and step-father of groom are Anna and Rick Emerling of Payne. Father is Rick Morehead of Defiance.

Grandparents are the late Florence and Robert Ehresman; and Paul and Dorothy Morehead and Anna and The late Harold Harshman.

LATTA OPENING STATEMENT ON GULF COAST OIL SPILL HEARING

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, delivered the following opening statement during today's hearing on "Inquiry into Deepwater Horizon Gulf Coast Oil Spill."

"Chairman Stupak and Ranking Member Burgess:

I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the families of those who have lost loved ones, and to those who have been injured. I am deeply saddened by the destruction caused by the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

I commend the thousands of dedicated workers and military personnel currently in the Gulf responding to this spill to protect the shoreline and wildlife. The cleanup process from the spill will take months, if not years. As the Marine Board of Investigation, made up of the Mineral Management Service (MMS) and the Coast Guard, convened yesterday to identify the factors leading to the explosion, loss of life, sinking, and subsequent oil spill of the Deepwater Horizon, I look forward to what the investigation will render and what facts and recommendations will come forth.

It is important to note that the oil and natural gas industry in America plays a vital role to our economy, and supplies this country with millions of jobs. Most recent data according to a American Petroleum Institute study shows that this industry contributes more than \$1 trillion to the U.S. economy every year. The

state of Ohio contributes over 229,000 jobs to the oil and natural gas industry. It is not only important that we maintain these jobs, but we also need to maintain the safety of our hard working Americans who are employed in this industry.

It is my understanding, Mr. Chairman, that over 42,000 wells have been drilled in the Gulf of Mexico since 1979, when the first deepwater well was drilled in the Gulf. 60 percent of all wells drilled in the Gulf are deepwater wells, and over 2,200 deepwater wells have been drilled.

As Members of Congress, we must ensure that the United States continues its domestic energy production, while also maintaining stringent environmental and safety regulations. We cannot become complacent when it comes to the American lives and our natural resources, we need to insure that the investigation into the Deepwater Horizon oil spill is thorough and those individuals responsible for this disaster are held accountable. We cannot afford to have a repeat of this kind of disaster.

I would have liked to have heard testimony from expert witnesses from the Department of the Interior, particularly the MMS, and the United States Coast Guard. I hope that any future hearings in this Committee on this subject will include government agencies that are at the forefront working on this issue.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I look forward to hearing from today's 4 witnesses, each of whom represents a company who will play a pivotal role in this investigation.

With that Mr. Chairman, I yield back."

2010 NWC CHAMPS!



The Paulding Varsity Baseball team defeated Allen East on Monday night to win a share of the Northwest Conference Championship.

Team members include (front row) Eric Fitch, Aaron Manz, Derrick Pease, Lo-

gan Stoller, Jake Gideon, Alex Mott. (Back row) Assistant Coach Kyle Mawer, Bill Vance, Cory Plotts, Jason Koenn, Justin Riley, Wesley Zeller, Zach Gawronski, and Head Coach Mike Leach.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NAMES APRIL TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School students recently voted Mr. Dave Alt as their April "Teacher of the Month". Pictured are Kelsey Gerber, Jen-

na Stoller, and Sara Lantow presenting the award. Mr. Alt received a \$25 gas card as part of the award.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

Lexie is this week's featured pet. She is a german shepherd lab mix and is good with kids and likes other dogs. Lexie is one and a half years old.

The shelter has a new Facebook page, so if you were a fan of the old one please join us on the new one. We hope to keep the new one updated everyday with new dogs and happy ending adoption stories.

Thunderstorm season is upon us so please keep your dog inside or in a secure area during threatening weather. Many dogs are very afraid of thunder and lightening and will run and hide and become lost. Of course I can never stress enough how important it is to ALWAYS keep identification on your pets at all times.

Check the websites on Petfinder and Adoptapet and come out and adopt Lexie Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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PAULDING EAGLES DONATES TO V.E.T.S.



The Paulding Eagles made a \$3,000 donation to the V.E.T.S. Memorial fund on the evening of May 12th. Tony Miller, Eagle member and Vietnam Vet, was honored to present the check.

This donation more than completes the funding needed to finish the project. The monies collected now will be for the upkeep and adding future names to the memorial at no cost to the service men and women.

There will be a total of six tablets and one dedication tablet. One side of the dedication tablet will honor the Vets—past, present and future. The other side will explain the reason for the project.

Karen Sanders, who started and organized the committee, was speechless when told of the amount of the check. Karen commented that over \$119,000 has been donated, this includes the time and facilities that have been volunteered. Almost \$3,000 have been donated from the canvassers sitting around town.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/19-5/24

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 5/19 - Waffle omelet sandwich, juice, milk
 5/20 - Cook's choice, juice, milk
 5/21 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 5/24 - Cook's choice, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 5/19 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or Grilled chicken w/ bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 5/20 - Cook's choice, milk
 5/21 - Cook's choice, milk
 5/24 - Cook's choice, milk; Last Day of School!
Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 5/19 - Assorted cereals or Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice or applesauce, milk
 5/20 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice or applesauce, milk
 5/21 - Muffin, graham crackers, juice, milk
 5/24 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice or applesauce, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 5/19 - Chicken nuggets,

It was stressed that not one dime of taxpayers money or grant money has gone for this project. She has been very blessed and wants to keep volunteering and will find a new project to work on after the memorial is complete.

Keith West, member of the committee, told about a lady from Paulding who wanted to donate. She didn't have much to give but did give \$2.00—all she could afford. That was the donation that meant the most to him.

Committee member and historian, Lori Manon, commented that in 2012, the monument will have two hundred years of history on it. There will be three names from the War of 1812 on it.

The V.E.T.S. are sponsoring a continuing garage sale this summer out at Sanders Body Shop on the old 24. The monies collected will go for upkeep of the memorial. The Cruise-Ins at Riverside Park will continue this summer also. You may call Karen Sanders at (419) 399-5764 for more information.

whipped potatoes, gravy/bread, assorted fruit, milk
 5/20 - Pizza, corn, fruit, milk
 5/21 - Cook's choice, milk
 5/24 - Nachos w/cheese, vegetable, fruit, milk; Last Day of School!
 (Each day a packed lunch can be served as an alternative to the main menu.)
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 5/19 - Assorted cereals, crackers, milk, juice
 5/20 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 5/21 - Assorted cereals, crackers, milk, juice
 5/24 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk, juice
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 5/19 - Pepperoni & cheese breadstick w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 5/20 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy/bread, fruit, milk
 5/21 - Taco in a bag, lettuce, cheese, fruit, milk
 5/24 - Hot dog w/bun, corn, fruit, milk; Last Day of School - Have A Great Summer!
 A packed lunch can be served as an alternative to the main menu.

UNFUNDED MANDATES LEAVE MANY SCHOOLS WITH EMPTY POCKETS

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

From silencing House Republican efforts to limit Washington's health care power grab in Ohio, to forcing a tax increase on already-overburdened citizens, the House majority has shown a repeated pattern of inept leadership and a complete disconnect from the people they were elected to represent. The people of this state want jobs, yet Ohio's Democrats have let jobs and businesses slip right through their fingers in pursuit of "green" jobs and a snail-rail network. Under their watch, our state lost more than 200,000 jobs this General Assembly and has suffered nearly 12 months of double digit unemployment.

Along with the neglect of job creation and retention, Ohio's Democrats put the viability of our schools at serious risk by imposing stifling unfunded mandates. We all know that the success of our state relies on the quality of our education system as a whole, but our schools cannot survive or produce an educated workforce if they are forced to obey unattainable, unaffordable mandates. As your state representative, I have continued working to alleviate our schools' concerns, more recently by sponsoring the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children legislation to increase physical activity during the school day and improve the nutritional value of foods offered in the school cafeteria. This bipartisan bill was crafted with continuous input from school officials and organizations to ensure that it did not become another burdensome mandate, but instead was affordable and allowed for maximum flexibility and the freedom of school choice in its implementation.

However, House Democrats have failed to enact any viable education bills this General Assembly; instead of maintaining the integrity of our education system and pursuing a sustainable school funding model, they supported a budget that sucker-punched school districts with mandates, regulations and a \$32 million cut in vital funding. One of the unfunded mandates that Ohio's Democrats have created is the \$200 million requirement to implement all-day kindergarten in every school district starting in the 2010-2011 school year. This mandate will cost schools nearly \$127 million for additional operating costs and \$78 million for classroom space.

Governor Strickland and his friends in the House majority are clearly out of touch with their constituency if they believe that an unfunded all-day kindergarten mandate is sensible in this economy, considering the \$8 billion deficit in the next budget. Instead of fixing the economy and strengthening our schools, they continue to do more harm than good by focusing on feel-good sound bites instead of enacting common-sense (and perhaps less flashy) reforms.

As a father, I know that a strong, competitive education system will help create a more prosperous economy down the road. However, if

Governor Strickland and his cronies in the House majority are going to demand universal all-day kindergarten in Ohio, they should also provide the funding to make this mandate possible. Instead, they forced a costly requirement on the backs of districts that have already taken huge financial hits, and our children will be the ones to suffer the consequences.

To empower the school districts by removing dominating state control, I co-sponsored House Bill 366 to allow districts to be exempt from any unfunded mandates—including all-day kindergarten—that were written into the budget, which will offer some leniency to struggling districts. This measure will allow schools to adopt the rules that fit their best interests, while opting out of any mandates that are too pricey to implement.

Our state's pockets are not as deep as they were, and for that reason, I believe that we need to tighten our state spending and not overburden the schools, families and businesses within our communities. Unfortunately, since House Bill 366 was introduced back in November 2009, it has only had sponsor testimony in committee and has remained stalled in the House for nearly four months.

Because so many school districts statewide have spoken out against this mandate and House Democrats still won't budge, I have to wonder: by forcing this mandate, whose interests are they really serving?

RAIDERS GET IN A WIN OVER THE APACHES

The Raiders took on the Apaches recently in High School baseball. Wayne Trace dominated the game only allowing Fairview two runs. The final score was 5-2.

Line Score:
 Fairview - 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 =2; 7H, 1E
 WT - 0 2 1 1 1 0 0 =5; 6H, 0E

Winning pitcher, Duer, had 4 strike outs, allowed 6 hits, and had 2 walks. Other pitcher was Andrew Horner.

Losing pitcher, Yoder, had 6 strike outs, allowed 6 hits, and had 0 walks. Other pitcher was Mosier D.

Game hitters:
 WT - Jerome (1B), Speice (1B), Duer (1B, 2B), Willborn (2-1B)

Fairview - N Yoder (2-1B), Yoder (2B), D. Mosier (1B), Kuhn (1B), Lee (1B, 2B)

SCHOOLEY - CLINE



Tony and Sheryl Garza of Paulding and Ken Schooley of Paulding are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Peter John Cline, son of James and Catherine Cline, Antwerp.

The bride-elect, is a 1999 alumna of Paulding High School, and 2005 graduate from Masters of Cosmetology. She is a hair stylist at Lindsey & Company Hair

Studio, Paulding.

Her fiance, is a 1991 Alumnus of Antwerp High School and 1993 graduate of Northwest State Community College and received his associate's degree in Business Management. He is employed by Village Food Emporium, Sherwood.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Friday, June 11, at Myrtle Beach, SC.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/19-5/25

Breakfast:
 5/19 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 5/20 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 5/21 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 5/24 - Pizza, juice, milk
 5/25 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:

5/19 - Creamed chicken sandwich, green beans, fruited jello w/topping, milk
 5/20 - Cheeseburger sandwich, potato wedges, pears, milk
 5/21 - Sack lunch (elementary): Ham/cheese sandwich, pretzels/chips, sherbet, milk; WT - Cook's choice
 5/24 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, mandarin oranges, milk
 5/25 - Sloppy joe sandwich, fries, cookies, apple-sauce, milk

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE STUDENTS EXCEL IN NATIONAL FINANCIAL CAPABILITY CHALLENGE



Standing: Brandon Shuherk, Paulding; Mr. Mike Knott, Personal Finance Teacher; Mark Schmitz, Kalida; Nate Stechschulte, Ft. Jennings; Chas Shidler, Antwerp; Seth Jewell, Van Wert; Dalton Yenser, Continental; Todd Akom, Wayne Trace; Rodney Perry, Van Wert; Brandon Miller, Ottoville; and Branden Kline, Wayne Trace.
Sitting: Justin Moran, Continental; Jared Lare, Lincolnview; Rachel Miller, Van Wert; and Alayna Vann, Wayne Trace.
Not Pictured: Danielle Fraser, Delphos Jefferson; Kayla Collins-Scott, Van Wert; Ryan Deel, Paulding; Gunther Mohr, Crestview; and Avery Etzler, Lincolnview.

The National Financial Capability Challenge – announced in December by Treasury Secretary Geithner and Education Secretary Duncan – is designed to promote financial education among high school students across the country. Educators who registered for the Challenge incorporated financial literacy into their lessons throughout the year and then administered the Challenge online exam to their students sometime before April 9th, 2010.

Nineteen students from Vantage Career Center scored in the top 20 percent nationally and have received an official award certificate

from the Department of the Treasury. Nationwide, almost 100,000 students took the exam. Additionally, the Charles Schwab Foundation will soon name 20 students, chosen from among the top scoring Challenge participants, who will receive \$1,000 scholarships. Schwab will also donate \$1,000 to the school of each scholarship recipient. Students who scored in the top 20 percent nationally and are from one of the ten states with the highest participation rates in the Challenge are eligible for these scholarships.

Mr. Mike Knott, Vantage math teacher, conducted the challenge in his Personal Finance class.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE RECEIVES TOOL DONATION



Lowe's and Kobalt Tools, in partnership with the National SkillsUSA career technical student organization, are helping the next generation of Auto Technology professionals at Vantage develop their skills through their "Toolbox for Education" program. Lowe's donated \$1,100 worth

of Kobalt tools to the school's Auto Technology program for use in their learning lab.

Pictured with the donated tools and toolbox are senior Auto Technology students Carrier Kitchen (Continental) and Cody Mox (Ft. Jennings).

PARTISAN STALEMATE PUTS JOBS ON HOLD FOR NORTHWEST OHIO

Ohio House Republicans today called on their majority-party colleagues across the aisle to take action to create jobs and spur economic development in the state. With Ohio's unemployment rate at 11 percent and a loss of nearly 200,000 jobs in the past year alone, members of the Republican caucus are asking the question—why hasn't more been done to retain these jobs?

"After nearly 12 consecutive months of double-digit unemployment, the people of Ohio are demanding that their elected officials take action to fix the economy," Rep. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) said. "But it seems that every day, Ohioans are hit with the announcement of yet another business closure and a loss of more jobs. What is being done to put Ohio back on the right track?"

With the decline of Toledo, Cleveland, Dayton and Youngstown, Ohio has the most "downsized" and fastest dying cities in the nation. Nearly 14 percent of Ohioans are living in poverty, and nearly 20 percent are either unemployed or underemployed.

In an effort to create jobs and make Ohio more business-friendly, the House Republican Caucus introduced two packages of proposals aimed at creating jobs and facilitating small business growth. These 20 bills would help bring Ohio into the competitive race for jobs by improving the business climate, reducing taxes on families and businesses, and restoring a fiscally responsible state government. To date, none of the "Future of Ohio" proposals have been permitted a vote in committee or on the House floor.

"The "Future of Ohio" bills are exactly what our state needs not only in this difficult economy, but for the future as well," Rep. Jeff Wagner (R-Sycamore) said. "Now is the time to make fundamental changes to the way Ohio does business so we can compete for jobs, businesses and capital. It's long overdue that we abandon the high-tax, anti-business status quo."

"Instead of looking at our Republican proposals or finding strategies of their own, the Democrats have turned a blind eye to the crisis that the families and businesses on Main Street are in," Rep. Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) said. "They're so out of touch with their constituents that they would rather keep the Republicans muzzled than do what is right for their districts."

House Republicans remain hopeful that a bipartisan discussion will soon take place before House adjourns for a summer recess.

LEGISLATURE WORKING TO OPERATE MORE EFFICIENTLY

Capital Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

There is no secret that Ohio faces a fiscal crisis of historic proportions. Most experts agree that if steps are not taken soon to dramatically reduce the size and cost of state government, state

leaders will be stuck with the daunting task of trying to fix a \$4 to \$8 billion structural deficit in 2011 without the aid of the billions of federal stimulus dollars and other one-time money that was used to balance the current budget.

Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate must come together in the approaching months to make the tough decisions necessary to eliminate waste and cut spending and explore reasonable policies that will help generate revenue for the state without raising taxes on families and businesses. This process will not be easy, but recent data demonstrates that the Legislature has led by example and is committed to managing Ohioans' taxpayer dollars more responsibly and efficiently.

According to a report from the National Conference of State Legislatures, Ohio ranks 49th among the 50 states in per capita spending on legislative staff and operations, despite being the 7th most populous state in the nation. In addition, the annual operating budget for the Ohio General Assembly represents the lowest percentage of the overall state budget when compared to all other states. The rankings are based on 2008 Census data.

In particular, the Senate is working to save taxpayer money in several ways, including increased use of electronic records, reductions in mileage reimbursement rates, a prohibition on travel reimbursements and the implementation of a new Internet-based phone system that has reduced the Senate's phone bill from \$114,000 a year to about \$10,000. We have also worked with the U.S. Post Office to change how letters, newsletters and other correspondence is mailed from senators' offices, which has helped reduce spending by tens of thousands of dollars per year.

In fact, between fiscal years 2005 and 2009 the Senate returned more than nine percent of its total general revenue fund budget to the state.

Many Ohio families have had to cut back or find new ways to save money on groceries, utilities and other needs. State government must follow this example. The NCSL report is encouraging, and I am proud of the Senate's efforts to reduce spending, but as the next budget process quickly approaches, it is critical that the General Assembly act now to adopt responsible, comprehensive reforms that will help state government operate more efficiently and at a much lower cost. The future success of our state and the well-being of Ohio taxpayers depends on it.

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. In addition, for more information about my work in the Ohio Senate, please visit my page on the new Senate website at www.ohiosenate.gov/steve-buehrer.

BRITTANY FARQUHAR AWARDED FFA RECOGNITION



Brittany Farquhar, a senior at Wayne Trace High School and member of the Wayne Trace FFA Chapter, was recently recognized for all her accomplishments that she has achieved in FFA. From the 110% award from Ag Credit, the State of Ohio FFA Degree, to the district winner in Equine Science Placement. And just recently on April 30, 2010 at the State FFA Convention Brittany was announced the Equine Science Placement winner for the state of Ohio.

In July her project along with the other 49 state winners will be sent to the National Level, where the top

four will be chosen to compete for the National Equine Science Placement Award in Indianapolis, Indiana in October.

The Equine Science Placement Award is an accurate record kept of all the hours Brittany helped with the horses. Along with a series of questions involving what her responsibilities are when helping people with their race horses.

Brittany will be attending Brown Mackie College this summer at Findlay, OH, where she will major in Vet Tech.

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NAMES APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently named their April Students of The Month. They are: (front row) Kelsey Rittenhouse, Mackenzie Swary, Maddie McClure, Carrigan Critten, Matthew

Klopfenstein, Alli Dunning, Shannon Boroff. (middle row) Stephan VanVlerah, Grady Gudakunst, Alaina Hickman, Gigi Ho, Kyle Wobler, Jazmine Smith, Rebecca Habern, Jacob Schlosser. (back row) Dylan

Jewell, Brock DeLong, Tyler Arnett, Eric Hicks, Kylee Wenninger, Jenna Stoller, Juan Alba, and Emiy Molitor. These students will be awarded with pizza for lunch. Great Job Guys & Girls!

MAJOR NEW MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING

Prioritizing transportation projects that promote the growth of jobs and economic development, Ohio's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) has approved the state's plans for investing more than \$2.8 billion in a multi-modal transportation system for Ohio's future.

"Today's vote is the culmination of months of intensive and productive work and the outcome of a transparent and accountable process for identifying Ohio's future transportation needs," said Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jolene M. Molitoris.

The TRAC - the independent committee that assists ODOT in selecting its largest investments - unanimously voted to approve the 2010 listing of major new construction projects. In addition to proj-

ects already under construction, the list includes projects ready for new construction and projects that will be studied and designed for potential construction in the future.

Locally, \$800,000 in Tier II funds were approved for a project in Putnam County which will install over 30,000 linear feet of new rail line and will extend the existing Village of Leipsic Railroad north of Ohio 65. The funding will be used for preliminary engineering and detailed design work for the project which is currently estimated to cost \$11.8 million to construct. The project would enhance the connection of three major rail lines and would also provide access to proposed manufacturing sites and expand access to existing facilities.

A second project, which would add a third lane to Interstate 75 from Findlay to Perrysburg, was also approved for Tier II funding for preliminary engineering in the amount of \$4 million.

Tier II funding means the

projects are under development but are without committed construction funding. Tier II projects also comprise a pool of ready projects that could be accelerated should additional funding become available.

Director Molitoris also noted that the TRAC-approved list includes more than \$30 million in proposed new construction investments and nearly \$70 million in new planning, design, and right-of-way work.

Over the past several months, ODOT and members of the TRAC reviewed more than 100 project applications submitted by communities and transportation partners throughout Ohio. The TRAC also held a series of regional public hearings around the state to meet with project sponsors. The TRAC received nearly 600 public comments submitted in support of the recommended funding.

Through the 2010-2014 planning horizon, the TRAC has approved \$2.877 billion of total investments by ODOT through its Major New Construction Program, which targets all multi-modal projects more than \$5 million in cost that add capacity to the state transportation system.

Among the projects on the list are \$14.5 million in new funds to modernize and reconfigure the Interstate 75 West Carrollton interchange near Dayton - a project that will ignite redevelopment near the former General Motors Moraine Assembly plant; \$15 million toward the Cincinnati Streetcar plan, a project that would connect the city's two largest employment centers with electric streetcars; and \$3 million for detailed design work on the State Route 7 Chesapeake Bypass to help ease congestion and spur economic development along the Ohio River in Southern Ohio.

The TRAC also approved the state's future investment of \$400 million in new federal stimulus funds in the 3C "Quick Start" Passenger Rail Service - an effort to restore passenger rail service connecting Cleveland, Columbus, Springfield, Dayton and Cincinnati by as early as 2012.

Also at the meeting, the TRAC welcomed its newest member on the nine-member council. Matthew Elli, a 25-year non-profit and private-sector veteran, was appointed by Governor Strickland earlier this month.

1ST LADY FRANCES STRICKLAND TO VISIT PAULDING

Ohio Governor 1st Lady Frances Strickland plans to visit Paulding on Wednesday May 26 at 3:45 p.m. at the Paulding Eagles, 206 W. Perry St. in Paulding.

The 1st Lady plans talk with Paulding County residents, take a few questions and entertain us with music.

All Paulding County residents are invited to attend this event.



BUYER'S REMORSE: WHAT TO EXPECT UNDER HEALTH CARE "REFORM" PACKAGE

By: Congressman Bob Latta

Over the past year, Congress conducted an extensive debate on health care reform. No one will argue that we do not need health care reform, and I was proud to support meaningful alternatives that unfortunately never received hearings or debate in the House. While I believe the legislative and debate process used to pass this health care reform package was flawed, it is now time to review what lies ahead for Americans and our nation's health care system.

On March 23rd, President Obama signed the health care reform package into law with a total estimated cost of \$2.3 trillion, financed by over \$500 billion in tax hikes and fees. A majority of these tax hikes will come in the form of increases on payroll and unearned income taxes for Americans. These tax hikes, levied during one of the most trying times for our nation's economy, will only delay our recover and slow long-term economic growth. In addition to these taxes, Americans will see indirect taxes on medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and through their health insurance plans over the next seven years.

The law mandates employers provide health insurance, or pay a penalty for not providing health insurance deemed "sufficient" by the government, or both in certain cases. Small businesses will be especially hard hit under this plan. Only certain small businesses, those with fewer than 25 employees, will receive a credit for providing health insurance - keeping in mind that the "full" credit for small businesses with ten employees or less is only 50 percent of total costs. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that only 12 percent of all small businesses nationwide will receive the full or partial credit. This credit will be eliminated in 2016, only two years after full implementation of this law, leaving small businesses worse off than prior to enactment. Non-compliance with these rules will result in civil and or criminal penalties against individuals and employers, enforced through the IRS. The CBO stated in their review of this legislation that the costs associated with the employer mandate will be shifted di-

rectly to workers in the form of lower wages and reduced or eliminated positions and hours.

Senior citizens will also see direct and devastating effects under this new law, which contains \$529 billion in cuts to Medicare. These cuts will be used to finance the expansion of Medicaid and a new entitlement program financed by the Federal government, essentially robbing Peter to pay Paul. In addition to these cuts, Medicare Advantage will be cut by \$120 billion, affecting 11 million senior citizens and cause an estimated 33 percent decline in enrollment.

This new law also contains controversial language that will allow the federal funding of abortions, a break from the long-standing policy of the Hyde Amendment, which was enacted in 1976. Many lawmakers who consider themselves "pro-life" voted in favor of this legislation after a promise from President Obama to sign an Executive Order to correct the problem of abortion funding in the bill. Unfortunately, an Executive Order cannot change federal statute, after being signed into law. Other Members of Congress have admitted that an Executive Order cannot change federal statute, and can be retracted just as easily because it does not have the full force of law. The American public, including my constituents, have overwhelmingly indicated that they do not want the government to fund abortions, but that is exactly what this legislation will do.

Our nation's current fiscal situation is in no condition to take on an additional \$2.3 trillion in costs associated with this law. History shows that when the federal government enacts entitlement programs, cost estimates are almost always underestimated. When Medicare was enacted in 1967, the original cost of the program was estimated to be \$12 billion by 1990. Actual Medicare spending in 1990 was \$111 billion, more than nine-times the original estimate. Some research and studies have shown that Medicare could go broke by 2017 and our other large entitlement program, Social Security, could go into the red by 2016. With the \$76 trillion in unfunded liabilities we currently face, a national debt over \$12 trillion, and trillion dollar deficits projected for upcoming years, we simply cannot afford this legislation.

I'LL DO IT FOR \$3,000!

By: Sue Knapp

"No less than \$3,000," commented Denny Combs when it was brought up about waxing his chest and back for Relay for Life. Denny's sister, Deb Haney, was battling cancer and Denny thought, "Why not? I'll do it for Deb." Deb passed away recently.

When he and his kids would go into Lindsey & Company in Paulding to get his hair cut the kids would tease him about waxing his chest and back, since he does have an over abundance of hair. Lindsey and the girls got on the band wagon and started to tease him about it. Denny thought about it and said he would get waxed for Relay for Life. Lindsey asked him if he would do it for \$500. "\$500! He wouldn't do it for less than \$3,000, not even if they raised \$2,999.99, it has to be at least \$3,000." Well that's all it took. Lindsey and Company decided to sponsor this upcoming event and started to spread the word. Fliers were made and put out along with canisters.

Denny has been waiting for the 'event' with trepidation. He has heard stories and has taken a lot of 'ribbing' about getting waxed. He is looking into different things to make the torture easier. Lindsey told him she would have to order a truck load of wax.

Denny and his wife, Kelly, have been married for 16 years. They have three children, Carrie, 21 and twins Bailey and Brooke, 13.

Denny is a Paulding County Engineer and has 16 years there starting right after high school. In his spare time he likes to hunt.

Watch for the canisters at Valero, Home Town Pizza, Subway, the County Garage and Lindsay and Company. You may make your checks out to Relay for Life. All the monies received stays in Paulding County.

As an incentive, Denny announced that the person who donated the most money will get the first 'pull'.

He will be waxed on the evening of June 4. Watch the paper for what time and where at the fairgrounds this will take place.

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SHANA SNOOK AWARDED DOCTORATE



Shana Snook, AHS class of 2004, was awarded her Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree from The University of Toledo at a ceremony on May 9. Shana is the daughter of Judi Snook and the late J. Carlton Snook. Her paternal grandmother is Dorothy Snook of St. Petersburg, Florida. The graduate has taken a position with Walgreen's in Goshen, Indiana.

Committee has requested the Fire Chief write a job description for these members to be reviewed by them. A recommendation will be made at a later time.

Trausch presented the Grounds & Building's Committee's April 14th report. The Committee met to inspect Village owned buildings and property. A list of recommended repairs was provided.

Mayor White relayed all Committee members are required to be present at all scheduled Committee meetings, and to please notify the office if unable to attend.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The Agenda requested authorization to sign an agreement with Jones & Henry to proceed forward with the proposed changes at the Lagoon Wastewater Treatment facility. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted a Public Hearing was being held tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers regarding the Sewage Lagoon project.

Solicitor Jones noted he has been in contact with the State Fire Marshall's Office. They would like to schedule a time to inspect the building with the Ohio Department of Commerce's Building Code Enforcement Division to determine what code violations exist, along with what the owner must do to bring the building back up to code.

Sierer noted the Village has hired an individual to mow the grass at the parks and Water Treatment Plant until April 30th. The mowing contractor will begin his duties May 1st.

Daeger motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for personnel matters, seconded by Sutton. Council returned to Regular Session.

At 7:00 p.m., Council opened a Public Hearing to discuss the Competitive Water & Sewer Program. The Village is intending to submit a CDBG application requesting additional funding for improvements (ie. replacing the discharge pipe and installing aerators) at the sewage lagoons. Dennis Miller of Maumee Valley Planning Organization was present to discuss the program. He noted tonight's meeting was one of two required public hearings. The next hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Miller noted the Village is seeking 50% funding from CDBG for its \$414,000 project. CDBG's "Small Cities Program" has approximately \$4 million that must be allocated before June 30, 2010, and Mr. Miller believes the Village currently meets the program's six criteria (population, low-to-moderate income, health & safety issues, percentage of request, readiness, and user rates) to receive assistance. If the Village can secure this funding, it will have no out-of-pocket expense since Issue 1 has committed to financing the other 50% of the project. The Public Hearing adjourned, and Council returned to Regular Session.

Consensus of Council was taken approving Tara Miller as the new Pool Manager.

The following meetings were scheduled:

Buildings & Grounds Committee - Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee - Monday, April 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea.

—The Committee recommended awarding the 2010 Solid Waste Contract to Werlor of Defiance, Ohio. The contract will go into effect May 1, 2010. The services of the contract will not change, and resident's monthly rate will remain at \$11.50 per month. Residents wishing to rent a tote for \$2 per month may contact Werlor personally. Rife motioned to approve awarding the 2010 Solid Waste Contract to Werlor of Defiance, Ohio; seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

—Fire Chief Todd Weidenhamer requested the formation of an Auxiliary Fireman within the department. The

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CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR 4/5/10

Mayor reported he gave "If I were Mayor Contest" to both schools. Councilmen made motions for prizes to be the same as last year, all agreed, motion passed. Attorney Pat Procter looked at agreement with Metlink and made recommendations. Metlink agreed to changes and will pay \$200.00 monthly for wireless internet antennas to be on the water tower. Mayor requested maintenance department edge and mulch the flower beds at City Hall and the community center, Maumee Township will pay half the cost. Mayor is working with the Chamber of Commerce for banners on Main Street, he would like to know if the council would like the City to sponsor one; two flags sponsorship is \$300.00. Councilmen made motions to sponsor, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor presented a bid of \$3,800.00 from Reichhart Builders to put a catch basin on Carl Street. Councilmen made motions to approve Reichhart's bid, all agreed, motion passed.

Warrants were presented, two set of payables first totaling \$5,255.90, second totaling \$23,544.83. City of Fort Wayne Radio Shop totaling \$2,236.99, equipment for 2010 Crown Victoria. Lesa suggests taking a portion from CEDIT. Councilmen made motions to pay half from CEDIT, Councilman Clegg, Zimmerman, Reichhart, and Mason voted yes, Councilman Norden abstained, motion passed. Councilmen made motions to pay all warrants, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa reported on the Circuit Breaker effects to our budget and recommends taking the \$6000.00 cut from General fund from the hydrant fee line item budget since this has been passed along to customers. Jim Lauer needs a check for \$100.00 to file for the Erosion control plan with IDEM. Councilmen made motions to add to tonight's warrants, all agreed, motion passed.

Minutes were presented, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Bids for the storm water project on Main Street will be opened April 13, 2010 at 10:00. Jim will have his recommendation by the next council meeting.

Jim Lauer presented a resolution to appoint Mayor Hoepfner as the signatory for the sanitary sewer project. Councilmen made motions to approve resolution R-10-177, all agreed, motion passed. Jim Lauer presented a resolution for acceptance of the preliminary engineering report presented by Schnelker Engineering. Councilmen made motions to approve resolution R-10-178, all agreed, motion passed. Jim Lauer stated there are two types of easement that will need to be acquired for the sewer project. Temporary and permanent easements and right of entry easements, most all homes and businesses where sewer lines are being done will need one form or another. Jim submitted authorizations to proceed, and an invoice for payment to Schnelker Engineering. Councilmen made motions to approve authorization to precede, all agreed, motion passed. Jim presented an Engineering contract for Schnelker Engineering for the sewer project; their

fees, Gregg's fees and IDEM fees will all be included in the bond.

Officer Carpenter reported vehicles were tagged around town; he gave extensions to some residents.

Ryan Walls stated he is working on measuring ERU's for the storm water utility system. The pump station on 101 repairs is complete. Grabill would like to use the street sweeper, Council agreed.

Councilman Mason stated he has seen some properties that need attention; letters will go out if necessary.

Councilman Reichhart reported the Co-op got the fence put up. Councilman Zimmerman reported he tested the sirens and everything worked fine. If there is a storm on Wednesday they will not be tested.

Mike Conley was present; he is running for County Council. If anyone would like to find any more information about him they can go to his web site Citizensforconley.com, he stated May 15th is the great American clean up day. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

OAKWOOD ARBOR # 759

The Oakwood Arbor of Gleaner Life held their May meeting at the Oakwood Fire department meeting room. Thirteen members were in attendance. Our Samaritan activities were discussed; we have completed two-thirds of them. A couple more will be completed by month's end. A donation will be given for the Relay for Life Walk-a-Thon, our Samaritan fund giving and grant funds report was given. Three volunteered to ready the upcoming slate of officers for a two-year term.

For part of our educational growth, members were at the Oakwood Elementary School during "Right to Read Week." to read to the preschool through second grade students. Monday the 10th was set for the gleaning of the two miles of SR 66. Ten members joined in this environmental activity.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3rd 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/19/10

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on April 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White 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 and Solicitor Jones were also present.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the April 5th Council meeting, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance No. 1404-10 re: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1172-97, was read for the second time.

Rife presented the Safety Committee's April 16th report. The Committee discussed the following:

—The Committee recommended awarding the 2010 Solid Waste Contract to Werlor of Defiance, Ohio. The contract will go into effect May 1, 2010. The services of the contract will not change, and resident's monthly rate will remain at \$11.50 per month. Residents wishing to rent a tote for \$2 per month may contact Werlor personally. Rife motioned to approve awarding the 2010 Solid Waste Contract to Werlor of Defiance, Ohio; seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

—Fire Chief Todd Weidenhamer requested the formation of an Auxiliary Fireman within the department. The

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MARTHA HOLDEN JENNINGS SCHOLAR PROGRAM



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Three Paulding Ex. Village Schools teachers recently completed the Jennings Foundation "Jennings Scholar" program at Bowling Green State University. The foundation invited about 200 Ohio teachers. This year's lectures (2009-2010) were held at Bowling Green State University and Ohio University. Teachers are invited to a series of six lectures by major personalities of widely different backgrounds. At the conclusion of the program, the teachers receive a bound

volume of the lectures and a silver dish as an emblematic award.

In 1963, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation initiated the Jennings Scholar Lecture Program to honor outstanding classroom teachers in line with one of the Foundation's major objectives of improving the quality of elementary and secondary education in Ohio. More information is available at <http://www.mhjf.org/scholar.html>.

DAVID FISHER AND THE UNITED WAY

By: Sue Knapp

David Fisher is on the Board of Trustees of United Way and is the Supervisor of Gifts in Kind Warehouse, located in the Grover Hill Lion's Club building. This organization supplies home improvement items and furniture for those in need. Home Depot from Auburn will call him with items they want to donate and he will go pick them up. Donations of building supplies and furniture are also accepted from individuals.

David loves people, and enjoys working with them. Mary, Dave's wife, always wanted to get involved with United Way. Nine years ago they did and have been blessed ever since.

Dave commented on how grateful people are for the help they receive. He remembers this one little girl. Her mother was almost done fixing up their house and the last project was her daughter's bedroom. The little girl had her eye on a chandelier with tear drops and she wanted it. Mom tried to talk her out of it—she thought it was too fancy. When her Mom finally relented, the little girl just beamed. The little girl carried it out herself. "That's what it's all about," Dave commented, "to see people's faces transform when receiving what they need." Watching that child receive her chandelier made Dave's day.

Dave and Mary are also active at the United Methodist Church in Antwerp, Ohio. Dave is involved in Boy Scout Troop 143. He also helps around the house and enjoys baking cookies with the grandchildren. He is retired from General Motors. Mary works at the Paulding License Bureau.

United Way will be sponsoring fundraisers during the next few months. There will be a 10K run at the end of June sponsored by the Paulding County Hospital. They will also be at John Paulding Days.

Dave also mentioned the money raised in Paulding County for United Way stays in Paulding County. The organization also directs people to different agencies where they can get the help they need—including shelters. The needs are greater now and fewer people have money to donate.

There is also a coloring contest happening. Watch the paper for further information on all United Way events.

You may call Dave Fisher at 419-399-5604 for any donations or needs.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/10/10 & 5/11/10

This 10th day of May, 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 28, 2010, Warrants numbering 167351 through 167638, totaling \$89,168.26; and 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 pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners; now, therefore 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.

RECEIVING BIDS FOR THE ELECTION BOARD PROJECT (FY '09 CDBG):

Birchwood, 15609 Power Dam Road, Defiance OH 43512 - \$18,459.00, \$2,550.00

McDonalds D&B, 101 Clinton Street, Suite 220, Defiance OH 43512 - \$21,000.00, \$2,468.00

Duerk, 2001 Baltimore Street, Defiance OH 43512 - \$31,409.00, \$2,543.00

The specifications will be studied with a determination to be made later.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Mr. Jim Machock and Ms. Carrie Briggs from Wells Fargo Insurance Services met with the Insurance Committee to review ten months of activity as well as projected twelve month numbers. Present at the meeting were: Dave Harrow, Ann Pease, Corey Walker, Marsha Yeutter, Wilma Mullins, Carol Temple, Susan Simpson, and Lou Ann Wannemacher. Mr. Machock distributed various reports for review. Several options for a renewal plan were discussed. It was agreed by all to increase the premiums by 5% and change the out of network co-pay and deductible in an attempt to balance costs. Mr. Machock reminded the committee that open enrollment is the month of May, with the new plan effective June 1, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 10:47 a.m. with the Mr. Donald Theis to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley. All members voting yea.

At 12:10 p.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Tony Zartman left the meeting. IN THE MATTER OF MEETING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2010 Annual Appropriation in Fund 009:

Fund 009 - Engineer - Gas Tax, 009-001-00008-Equipment - \$16,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Matt Davis, MVPO - Mr. Davis met with the Commissioners to discuss the demolition projects which will be funded by the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). He also had paperwork for the Recovery Zone Bond project for signatures.

This 11th day of May, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in special session with the following members present:

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

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Olivia Binkley and Christopher Spellmire, USDA/Rural Development - Ms. Binkley and Mr. Spellmire met with the Commissioners and Mike Winans regarding the Paulding County Auglaize River Area Wastewater Collection Project. Dennis Miller of Maumee Valley Planning Organization was also in attendance. Ms. Binkley reviewed information needed to request closing instructions from Rural Development's state office so the project can be advertised.

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Coed Monday League

1. On The Edge Construction 2-0
2. Eagles 1-1
3. Olympic Lanes 1-1
4. Welch Trophy 1-0
5. Nasty Habits 1-0
6. Pack Rats 0-2
7. A&W Rootbeer 0-1
8. Just Smokin 0-1

Mens Tuesday League

1. BWW 5-0
2. Pit Stop 5-0
3. Hitmen 3-2
4. Larsons Body Shop 3-2
5. Hoffman Builders 2-3
6. MPR/Wesleys 2-3
7. Gorrell Auctioneers 2-4
8. Guilford's 2-4
9. Dooley Funeral Home 0-6

Womens Wednesday League

1. Carpet Wholesalers 1-0
2. TJ's Bar 1-0
3. Munger Properties 1-0
4. C&H Lanes 1-0
5. Paulding VFW 1-0
6. Pit Stop 0-1
7. Antwerp VFW 0-1
8. Jay Dangler Excavating 1-1
9. Lengacher Construction 0-1
10. The Gardens 0-2

Mens Thursday League

1. Alliance 6-0
2. Country Cabinets 4-1
3. Antwerp Pharmacy 3-3
4. Nemco 3-2
5. Haviland Tile 2-3
6. Lafarge 2-4
7. Nasty Habits 2-3
8. Grace Home Improvements 1-4
9. Budweiser 1-4

OHIO FARM BUREAU TO HOST GROW AND KNOW DAY AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

Learn how to grow and preserve food from your own backyard or patio and how to go green at Ohio Farm Bureau's daylong Grow and Know seminar at Franklin Park Conservatory. "It's been a long winter, so we want to help people get involved and take advantage of the growing season," said Cara Lawson, promotion specialist for Ohio Farm Bureau and one of the coordinators of the event. "The sessions we selected for this event are designed to help people understand how to best use and preserve the flavors of the season."

The session, "Growing Your Own Food and Going Green," will be held June 5, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio.

Attendees will be rotated among four unique breakout sessions: canning and food preservation, container gardening, cooking with herbs, and rain gardening.

The fees to participate include all sessions, lunch and materials. The deadline to register is May 26. For more information and to register call 614-246-8276 or visit OurOhio.org.

The vision of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation is to create a partnership between farmers and consumers. In addition to farmers, members include gardeners, food and wine enthusiasts, animal owners, and anyone who enjoys rural Ohio. For more information, or to join, visit www.GrowWithFB.org.

"STRIKEOUT CANCER" EVENT RAISES NEARLY \$2500!



Through the combined efforts of the Antwerp High School and Hicksville High School softball teams, the two schools recently teamed up in a "Strikeout Cancer" fundraiser event and raised nearly \$2,500 for cancer research. Shown here is Antwerp High School senior Darcie Reinhart presenting Antwerp's contribution to Ms. Cara Soukup,

representing the American Cancer Society - Northwest Region. The two softball teams raised money through t-shirt sales, "pennies per pitch", and general monetary contributions. Money raised by the Antwerp team will go to the Paulding County Relay for Life.

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS MAY MEETING

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010 in the Paulding ESC Board Office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. Nick Miller welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included 2% salary increases for most Western Buckeye employees. The Board also approved 2% salary increases for employees of the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC). The WBESC is the fiscal agent for the NOACSC.

In the meeting, Superintendent John Basinger discussed the change in programming recommendation that he will ask the Board to approve at the June Governing Board meeting. Basinger's recommendation will be to combine the ACE Alternative School and the Student Learning Center into a combined program based on the student projections for the 2010-2011 school year for both of those programs. The new combined program will be housed at the Van Wert site on Cherry Street. Basinger also updated the Board on recent Western Buckeye activities and several personnel issues. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

- **Approved the minutes from the April 8, 2010 Regular Meeting.
- **Approved the April financial reports as presented by Treasurer Kristine Stuart.
- **Approved a 2% base salary schedule increase for the 2010-2011 school year for all certified employees on approved salary schedules.
- **Approved a 2% base salary schedule increase for the 2010-2011 school year for all non-certified employees on approved salary schedules.
- **Approved a 2% base salary schedule increase for 2010-2011 school year for all employees on the 2 year Associate Degree salary schedule.
- **Approved a 2% salary increase for the 2010-2011 school year for all other employees who do not have a schedule placement.
- **Approved 2% salary increase for the Treasurer, effective August 1, 2010.
- **Approved the 2010-2011 school year calendars for the Western Buckeye

ESC Resource Center (A.C.E. and S.L.C.), and the office closure calendar for Western Buckeye Educational Service Center.

**Approved a budget revision to the FY10 Competitive Application of the CCIP (21st Century Grant) and the Parent Mentor Grant.

**Adjusted FY10 appropriations for Western Buckeye ESC as presented.

**Approved the FY11 Competitive Application of the CCIP; Alternative Education Challenge Grant and the 21st Century Grants.

**Approved a 5-year Administrative Contract for Ray Burden as NOACSC Executive Director, effective July 1, 2010.

**Approved 2-year Administrative Contracts for NOACSC employees Lora Lawrence and Travis Thomas, effective July 1, 2010.

**Approved Continuing Contracts for NOACSC employees Janice Ditto, Chris Keller, Devin Launder, Scott Schaffner and Jennifer Schwartz, effective July 1, 2010.

**Approved a 2% base salary schedule increase for 2010-2011 school year for all non-certified NOACSC employees on approved salary schedules.

**Approved a 2% base salary increase for 2010-2011 school year for all other NOACSC employees who do not have a salary schedule placement.

**Approved recommended language changes to the NOACSC Computer Services Agreement used to contract with member school districts.

**Approved the NOACSC calendar for FY11.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on June 24, 2010 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.

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