

Region

Burbank works on operation plan for village

By **BOBBY WARREN**
Staff Writer

BURBANK — Village leaders are working toward the creation of an emergency plan, but the safety committee chairman said it is not what he initially envisioned.

Councilman Steve Matjiwu said committee members met with John Wise, director of the Wayne County Emergency Management Agency, to discuss drafting a plan.

"It's not what I expected it to be," Matjiwu said.

Rather than an emergency disaster plan, Wise focused on putting in place a continuity plan to keep the village government moving forward in the absence of the mayor or fiscal officer.

"With a small community, there is only so much it can do without a police or fire department," Wise said. "The most critical element is how to keep your government running. The county and state take care of roads, the township takes care of fire, and the sheriff takes care of law enforcement.

"This is why we have a county agency because they don't have a lot of tools in the toolbox."

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Alumni honor own, celebrate during Alumni Weekend

College News Service

WOOSTER — Some 900 alumni and family members returned to Wooster this weekend to renew old friendships, give back to the college, and honor their own. Among those gathering on campus were 21 members of the class of 1949, six from the class of 1944, and three members of the class of 1934, celebrating their 57th reunion.

On behalf of the 50th anniversary class of 1959, the Rev. Eugene C. Bay announced a class gift of just over \$3 million, a portion of which will be used to establish an endowed scholarship fund.

The John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award was presented to Nancy Braund Boruch '64 and Sohil Parekh '99 was named Outstanding Young Alumnus. Wayne A. Cornelius '67, Jay R. Gates '68, and Cynthia S. Tice '58 all received Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Cornelius, a distinguished professor of political science and director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at the University of California-San Diego, reflected on how his Wooster experience

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Opportunity School holds first graduation

By **LINDA HALL**
Staff Writer

WOOSTER DISTRICT — A class of 10 is significant for the personal achievement it represents; but in the case of one unique local school, it also reflects progress as an institution.

This 2008-09 school year culminated in the first commencement ceremony of Opportunity School, Wooster City Schools' alternative school.

Located in the Cornerstone Elementary School Annex, it serves at-risk students in seventh- through 12th-grade.

Commencement was "a big milestone," said Mark Stefanik, the district's director of alternative education.

Originally capped at the 10th-grade, Opportunity School expanded to 12th-grade in 2007, when Principal Charles Fleming and others saw the need to broaden the program.

"It all started at least two years ago when we saw that some of the students being relocated to the Career Center or their home schools weren't being successful after they left the alternative school setting," Stefanik said.

The first class of juniors was evaluated last year, with "a recommendation where they would have the most success," he said.

This year's 10 seniors remained at the Opportunity School, rather than make the transition back to their home schools or the Wayne County Schools Career Center, according to Fleming.

The decision whether to remain at the Opportunity School is "a joint decision based on academic and clinical staff recommendations," augmented by the judgment

of parents and administrators of the other schools involved, Fleming said in an e-mail.

"Transitioned students will meet with our case manager before and after the transition process to ensure success (wherever they attend)," Fleming said.

Opportunity School graduates were required to meet state and district guidelines and adhere to the same Ohio Department of Education requirements as all other seniors, Fleming said.

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Newsmakers

Hobbyist, collector, mentor



Steve Nameth (center) works with students Abby Robinson (left), Sara Fisher and Alane Robinson at the Agricultural Technical Institute. Nameth said working with students is his favorite part of being director.

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Best part of Steve Nameth's job is working with students

By **CHRIS KICK**
Staff Writer

WOOSTER — From his bicycle ride to and from work, the old BMW cars he restores, the revving Formula One engine programmed onto his cell phone, to his house in Columbus and to his house in Wooster, Steve Nameth is always on the roll to somewhere.

Nameth, director of The Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute, stands out among his peers and the school's 750 students as a hobbyist, a collector of keepsakes and a mentor.

Hardly a day goes by that he does not wear a bow tie to work, a practice he said he picked up for several rea-

sons, partly because of his fascination with earlier periods, when scientists avoided wearing full ties, because of the risk of interference with their experiments.

Nameth said he enjoys older fashions and periods, and is a fan of the black and white movies played regularly on Turner Classic Movies. He's a fan of classical music and performs minor engine repair and body work to BMW cars, which he sells on eBay.

"It's not a major money-making proposition," he says with sincerity, but it's the connection to years gone by that he enjoys. In his office, along with a picture of a Formula One car, is a rusty metal starting rod used to

start an old car.

Nameth spends most of the week at his Wooster home, and travels to his home in Columbus for the weekends, where he tends to his massive flower garden and landscaping.

In summers, he and his wife, Sharon, their two adult daughters Alison and Morgan, Nameth's grandson Henry Hooper, and his son-in-law fly to Mazatlan, Mexico, his favorite vacation destination.

"It's not a simple thing to do," he jokes, noting he'll have another grandchild to take along come August. "It's the whole tribe (that goes along)."

Nameth has been director

of ATI since 2004 and started as a professor for OSU in 1985. He was born in Germany, lived in Pennsylvania with his adopted parents until he was 14, and in Los Angeles until he turned 32.

The best part of being the top man at ATI is working with the students, he says, and he knows many on a first-name basis.

"There's many different ways you can approach this job," he says. "You can sit in your office all day and do things, or you can travel, but for me, being involved with the students is the best part of my job and the part I enjoy the most."

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20 questions

Family: Two daughters, Alison and Morgan. Wife, Sharon. Grandson, Henry Hooper.

Pets: Two dogs in Columbus, two cats in Wooster.

Hobby: Working on old cars, gardening and bicycling.

Book last read: "Tao The Watercourse Way."

Favorite movie: "Sargeant York."

Favorite TV show: Turner Classic Movies.

Favorite restaurant: McDonald's.

Favorite Web site: His daughter's blog, blessedtreehouse.

Favorite vacation spot: Coast of Mexico.

My pet peeve is: People not using their turn signals.

The best record album ever is: "The Best of The Doors."

The ringtone on my cell is: Engine of a Formula One car.

The talent or superpower I wish I had is: "I wish I knew the truth," when someone tells you two sides to a story.

Least favorite chore: Paperwork.

If I could change one thing about myself it would be: Sometimes I need

to be more patient.

Favorite sports team: OSU football team.

First job: Washing dishes in cafeteria.

Best advice you ever received: There's two sides to every story and really, until you hear both sides, you can't really make a judgment.

Nobody knows I: I cry when I listen to certain classical music, in enjoyment.

Who, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with: My biological mother.

East Holmes seeking school bus bids

By **KATY GANZ**
Staff Writer

E. HOLMES — School bus prices could be as high as \$90,000 after new emissions standards take effect, but the district is hoping to purchase one last bus before the price increase, a move that would save the district \$10,000-\$20,000.

In a special meeting board members approved a request from Superintendent Joe Wengerd to advertise for bids for a school bus.

"This bus would be absolutely a twin of the two we purchased last year," Wengerd said.

The buses purchased last year cost about \$68,300 each. The district received the funding for a third bus from the permanent improvement levy passed in 2007.

"If it wasn't for that, I'm not sure we'd be doing the purchase," Wengerd said.

In other business, there will not be a fourth-grade classroom at Mount Hope Elementary for the 2009-10 school year.

"I cannot sustain a class of nine fourth-graders," Wengerd said. "We are just going to have to work with them."

The board approved a motion to place the fourth-graders in a combined fourth- and fifth-grade classroom at Mount Hope.

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Smith named medical director at Startzman

WOOSTER — The Viola Startzman Free Clinic has named William T. Smith, M.D. as its new medical director.

Board certified in family medicine since 1976, Smith recently retired after 36 years in the family practice department at Cleveland Clinic Wooster, formerly the Wooster Clinic.

A graduate of Duke University Medical School and Hiram College, Smith completed his internship and residencies in the departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at University Hospitals of Cleveland. He has volunteered at the VSFC since 2002, working every Wednesday morning during the busy walk-in clinics, and will continue to do so in his retirement.

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Smith



Submitted photo
Just under 200 guests attended the very first graduation recently celebrated at the Opportunity School, Wooster City Schools' alternative school.

Nadine Trogdon

RITTMAN — Nadine E. Trogdon, 72, of Rittman, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 6, 2009, surrounded by her loving family at Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital. She was born Dec. 25, 1936, in Orrville, to Donald and Vera (Zollars) Lacy and lived in Rittman most of her life.

Nadine was a secretary at Rittman Middle School for 27 years and retired in 1997.

She was a member of Church of Christ in Orrville and graduated from Orrville High School in the class of 1955.

She married James V. Trogdon on Jan. 28, 1956, and he died on Aug. 11, 2007.

Surviving are her children, Jim Trogdon of Rittman, Jane (Jon) Lance, John (Sandi) Trogdon of Rittman and Jeff (Lori) Trogdon of Wadsworth; and grandchildren, Sarah (Josh) Welch, Tim (Katy) Lance, Katie, Abi and Sam Trogdon, Joe and Anna Trogdon; a brother, Scott (Darlene) Lacy of Orrville; and a sister, Bonnie (Don) Scallon of Grafton.

Mom was a beautiful human being who loved and enjoyed her family with all her heart. She always carried a kind word for everyone and had a sense of humor and wit that was unmatched. The simple joys of being in her own home



and sitting on the front porch with her dog, Ginger, made her happy. We will miss her tremendously.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman. The Rev. Dr. Richard A. Lapehn will officiate. There will be no calling hours.

Gillman Funeral Home in Rittman is handling arrangements. For online register book, obituary and condolences, visit www.gillmanfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Forgotten Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 46, Medina 44258.

Gale Hanshaw

WOOSTER — Gale Lynne Hanshaw, 61, of Wooster, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Akron City Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Murray Funeral Home in Creston with the Rev. Allen Sidel officiating.

Friends may call on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Sunset Cemetery, Leatherwood, W.Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 1815 W. Market St., Suite 108, Akron 44313.

Gale was born Sept. 11, 1947, in Clay Co., W.Va., the daughter of the late Romie and Ruby (Fitzwater) Hanshaw. She had made her home in the Creston/Wooster area since 1962. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Wilmot. She enjoyed bluegrass music and was an avid Ralph Stanley fan, keeping her daily journal and her detailed photo albums of family and friends. Her family was the most important part of her life and she will be greatly missed.

Surviving are her children, Curtis Hanshaw of Los Angeles and Leanna (Jason) Kline of Denver; her five grandchildren, Korbyn and Roman



Ruth Cole

ASHLAND — Ruth E. (Zehner) Cole, 93, of 1610 Township Road 1153, Ashland, died Saturday afternoon, June 6, 2009, at her residence.

Ruth was born in Ashland on April 12, 1916, to the late Frank and Bertha Wertman Zehner. She had been a resident of Ashland her entire lifetime and had lived on the same family farm property for the past 91 years.

Following her graduation from high school, Ruth worked as a secretary/stenographer at A.L. Garber Company in Ashland. She later worked with her husband at his investment company, Don I. Cole Investment Company, Wooster, while at the same time being a loving mother and homemaker.

Ruth was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashland, and had been a lifelong member of the church. She had been a Sunday School teacher and in later years became a member of the Altar Guild and had been an active member of the prayer chain at the church.

She was a charter member of the Sew-Long Club, which had its start as a 4-H club, and has continued its existence to the present time. At age 89, Ruth authored a book, *Life & Recollections*, which highlighted the special times in her life. She enjoyed playing cards, board games, sewing, bird watching and collecting cardinals.

On June 16, 1939, she was married to Don I. Cole, who preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 2000.

She is survived by three daughters, Sandra (Jim) Miller of Ashland; Meredith (Leo) Genereux of Mount Vernon; Natalie (Doug) Scott of Miff-



lin; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, C. Ernest (Mary) Zehner of Poynette, Wis.; Raymond (Linda) Zehner of Ashland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Don I. Cole; an infant daughter, Kay Jean Cole; one sister, Thelma Smalley; and one brother, Herschel Zehner.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Sanford C. Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Ashland County Memorial Park.

Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at Denbow-Primm-Kemery Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to Dale-Roy School and Training Center, 1256 Center St., Ashland 44805; Hospice of North Central Ohio Inc., 1050 Dauch Drive, Ashland 44805; or Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Center St., Ashland 44805.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.dpkfh.com

The beautiful spirit of Ruth will be greatly missed by all.

Matthew Miller

SHREVE — Matthew Paul Miller, age 27, of 10419 County Road 329, entered glory on June 6, 2009, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born Nov. 27, 1981, to Paul J. and Savannah (Yoder) Miller. He had been a roofer and farmer, and was a member of Peniel Christian Fellowship.

He is survived by his parents; fiancée, Rachel Farmwald of Monticello, Ky.; two brothers, Nathan Daniel of Belize, Central America, and Silas David, and a sister, Lois Joy, both of the home, and her special friend, David Miller of

Belleville, Ark.; grandparents, Jonas L. and Catherine Yoder of Fredericksburg and Mrs. Mary Miller of Shreve.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, John J.C. Miller.

Services will be held Tuesday, June 9, at Peniel Christian Fellowship, County Road 329, Holmesville, at 9:30 a.m. with Bishop Nathan Yoder officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Schlabach Funeral Home, Shreve, is handling arrangements.

Martha McConnell

ASHLAND — Martha N. McConnell, 85, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at Hospice House of Ashland.

A complete obituary will

appear in Tuesday's Daily Record.

Arrangements are being handled by Fickes Funeral Home, Jeromesville.

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They had to pass the Ohio Graduation Test, Stefanik said. "That was major."

Academically, "(The school) is a little bit of a mix," Stefanik said, with students taking typical high school courses on-site and pursuing online courses for credit recovery.

As a speaker at the Opportunity School graduation ceremony, Stefanik praised students and staff members under the leadership of Fleming for "stick(ing) with a plan and follow(ing) it through to the end."

This year's graduates were Brittany Boreman, Jami Crebs,

Amber Hendrix, Holly Holliday, Amanda Kennedy, Edith Lopez, Elizabeth Moore, Justin Myers-Hutchinson, D.J. Robinson and Lyndsey Stout.

Held in Cornerstone's Performing Arts Center, the ceremony was attended by 185 guests, Fleming said, including Wooster Mayor Bob Breneman. Guests came from at least four other states and enjoyed a reception luncheon in the Opportunity School's multipurpose room.

This school year also marked a partnership between Opportunity School and Change through Chance, giving students the capability of partici-

pating in a nine-week equine therapy and mentoring program pilot.

"We certainly hope to see this program continue," Fleming said in the e-mail, noting, "The social and emotional gains students have experienced through the program have a direct impact on academic and life success."

Fleming said students earned some of their elective credits in work settings, serving as classroom assistants in Cornerstone Elementary School's kindergarten and special needs classrooms. They also packed daily fruit and vegetable baskets for Cornerstone students.

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Fiscal Officer Martha Evans told council she has a written plan in place for how to proceed if she were unable to perform her duties. However, the plan is kept off-site, and she will keep a copy at town hall.

Matjiwu said some of the details the village needs to look at include where are the vital documents stored and what happens if the sewer plant is not functioning.

"We need to have a plan so

Other school districts purchase seats at the Opportunity School; this year Wooster students were joined by classmates from Orrville, Rittman, Dalton and Ashland, according to Fleming.

The school, founded in 1994, is operated in conjunction with local agencies, including The Village Network, Wayne County Juvenile Court, Wayne County Children Services and Wayne County Job & Family Services.

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it is not chaos," Councilman Steve Wiles said.

Earlier this year, Councilwoman Helen Acevedo realized the village did not have a comprehensive plan while fielding a call from a citizen who noticed a minor gas leak in front of a residence on West Middle Street.

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Smith

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In his new capacity, Smith is responsible for overseeing the medical aspects of the clinic, collaborating regularly with the certified registered nurse practitioner to oversee direct patient care. He is also involved in setting clinical

policies and procedures and helping recruit and oversee volunteer medical providers.

Smith replaces Sung Taylor, D.O., who recently moved to Florida after operating ASAP Medical Care in Wooster for the past two years. Smith and his wife, Becky, have three children and five grandchildren.

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ence had prepared him for his vocation.

"I give full credit to Independent Study for launching my academic career and getting me into a top five political science graduate program at Stanford," Cornelius said. Wooster was also where he nurtured the musical talent needed for his avocation: a 20-year run singing with the San Diego Master Choral.

Cornelius concluded by saying "Thanks so much, Wooster, for enabling me to make a difference."

Bus bids

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The number of students in a grade level varies greatly in the upcoming year. It can make staffing for the next school year confusing. At Chestnut Ridge, the teaching position for seventh- and eighth-grade social studies is being eliminated.

But, an additional seventh-grade classroom will be opening at Mount Hope to accommodate a class of 32 seventh-grade students.

"I'm really trying to get some balance," Wengerd said.

Christina Hostetler will be joining the district full time as a third-grade teacher at Walnut Creek.

"She is a quality candidate and those are people we want to see when we hire person-

nel," Wengerd said.

At the same time, Karin Yoder is retiring, but is asking to be rehired by the district part-time as the district's transition coordinator.

"She works with quite a number of our Amish students on education to work," Wengerd said.

Yoder has worked in the area of special education, and has the certification to be a transition coordinator, a difficult credential to find, Wengerd said.

"We have an unusual situation here," he said. Students need help transitioning from eighth grade to the job force without high school. Rehiring Yoder will save money and provide for "the students' needs," Wengerd said.

Region brief

Smithville to be sprayed for mosquitoes

SMITHVILLE — Mosquito spraying will be tonight at 8:15 p.m. In the event of heavy rain, the spraying will be done at a later date.

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Police

ORRVILLE — Three tires were reported slashed on a 1989 Dodge Dakota pickup truck parked at a residence in

the 1300 block of Fieldstone Drive at 8:35 p.m. on May 24. The collective value of the tires was about \$300.