

thousands

By KRISTA HAYES
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Buckeye Farm Antiques Inc. wrapped up another successful year in Wapakoneta as more than 7,000 people attended its 21st annual show held during the three-day weekend at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds.

The event kicked-off Thursday evening with a parade through Wapakoneta followed by three days of crafts and flea markets, wood sculpting, tractor and truck pulls, farm equipment demonstra-



tions and entertainment provided by various bands.

"This is my first time attending this particular BFA show and it's been all

right," Coldwater resident Gary Gaerky said. "I've been to different tractor shows all over the place — Van Wert, Portland, Ind., and Greenville — all because I like to look at all the old stuff.

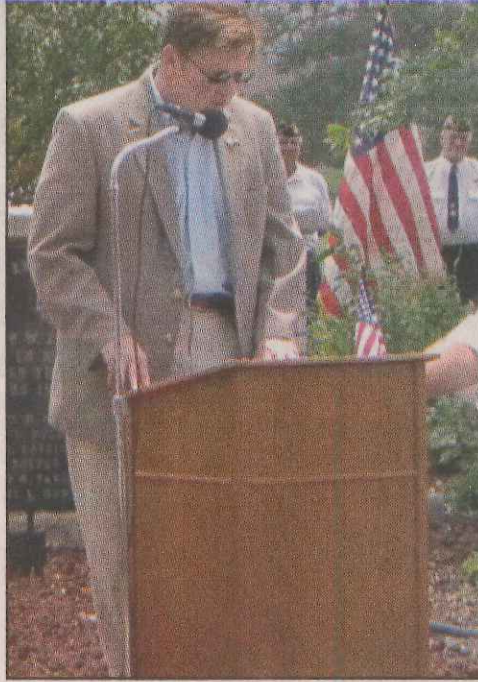
"This show has been nice though, and I'll probably return every couple of years because I like to go to different shows within a 40- to 50-mile radius of my house every year," he said. "I came by myself today since I'm a part-time farmer and was off this weekend and looking for something to do."

Among those exhibitors who were present in the Junior Fair Building was Wapakoneta resident Marsha Dudgeon, who brought a portion of her antique oil lamp collection.

Together with her cousin, Marilyn Brackney, of Russell's Point, Dudgeon spent the majority of Saturday afternoon speaking with local enthusiasts about the more than 100-piece collection she has been consistently adding to since 2005.

"It's been a very pleasant surprise in the variety of different kinds of people

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Staff photos/William Laney, Jennifer Tangeman
Ohio state Rep. John Adams, R-Sidney, at left, addresses the crowd during a service at Veterans Memorial Park in Wapakoneta Monday. He talked about the definition of a hero. Sgt. Major Ted L. Copeland, above, addressed a crowd in the Buckland Cemetery about the real reasons to celebrate Memorial Day.

Remembering heroes

State rep. honors military

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Ohio state Rep. John Adams asked Wapakoneta residents the same question decorated combat marine and best-selling author Oliver North ponders in one of his books — what is a hero?

Adams, who was the key note speaker at the Wapakoneta Memorial Day services at Veteran's Memorial Park Monday, talked to the crowd about what it means to be an American hero.

"Webster says a hero is a legendary figure, who possesses great courage," Adams said. "Heroes are men and women of different age and color, in different times and different wars."

The former Navy Seal spoke of the rigor involved in serving

in the military.

"Those serving our country are on duty 24-7 for months on end, and they do it all with grace, humility and courage," the state representative said. "That is what heroes do."

Members of the community gathered Monday afternoon to pay respects to those who have served, and those currently serving, in the U.S. armed forces. The Wapakoneta High School band started the day's event by playing the national anthem, and Boy Scout Troop 9 raised the American flag.

The Rev. Shawn Morris, pastor of Salem United Methodist Church, offered words of prayer in a time of war for America.

"It is easy for us sometimes

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Vet honors 'sacrifice'

By WILLIAM LANEY
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BUCKLAND — The sun re-emerged from a spring shower as the speakers took the podium during Buckland's Memorial Day remembrance to honor those who have offered the "ultimate sacrifice for this great nation."

Sgt. Major Ted L. Copeland, who served more than 25 years in U.S. Army military police corps and was deployed four times, addressed those reasons that more than 100 people gathered in the Buckland Cemetery on Memorial Day — explaining that it was not for a federal holiday or an

extra-long weekend.

He said people gather for speeches and take part in these types of ceremonies to honor "the sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation and to remember and to reflect on this nation's most precious commodity — the young men and women of past and present generations who have given their lives for the rights and freedoms we share today."

Copeland provided some history on Memorial Day, which he noted began as Decoration Day

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Senior finds his calling

By MEGAN VEIT
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While some students continue to search for their calling after high school graduation, one local student came to Wapakoneta High School with a mission — to fight his way into his graduating class' top five and to fight his way into a pre-med program.

Zachary Taylor's mission is now complete. The son of Kim



and Jerry Sudhoff will head to the University of Alabama's pre-med program.

"They took me, surprisingly," Taylor said.

For those who know him, it

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Zachary Taylor

Teacher looks forward

By KRISTA HAYES
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After educating Wapakoneta youth for 35 years, one local teacher is saying goodbye to her profession and looking forward to retirement.

"I loved teaching and I loved the children," Wapakoneta Middle School fifth-grade teacher Pat Wittenbrink said. "I loved seeing the light come on in their eyes

People In

Wapakoneta Middle School:
Pat Wittenbrink

'Our Town'

when they would understand what they were learning."

She said she would have continued teaching but she decided to retire two weeks before

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BUDA, Texas (AP) — A retired police inspector's newly acquired metal detecting hobby helped him find dog tags and other items belonging to a Texas World War II veteran who was wounded on an Italian battlefield.

Oscar Glomb served with the 36th Infantry Division and landed at the Bay of Salerno in 1943. He was wounded in a June 1944 battle near Gavorrano. Glomb died in 1998. Retired Italian police inspector Daniele Bianchini found the tags, a ring and a medallion while practicing his new hobby on the old battlefield.

QUICK LOOK

BAXTER STATE PARK, Maine (AP) — An Ohio hiker missing for three days in a state park in northern Maine was spotted Monday afternoon waving at searchers looking for him from a helicopter and was rescued.

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Al-Qaida: No. 3 official killed

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida announced Monday that its No. 3 official, Mustafa al-Yazid, had been killed along with members of his family — perhaps one of the most severe blows to the terrorist movement since the U.S. campaign against al-Qaida began. A U.S. official said Yazid was believed to have died in a U.S. missile strike.

A statement posted on an al-Qaida Website identified al-Yazid, which it described as the organization's top commander in Afghanistan, was killed along with his wife, three daughters, a grandchild and other men, women and children but did not say how or where.

The statement did not give an exact date for al-

Yazid's death, but it was dated by the Islamic calendar month of "Jemadi al-Akhar," which falls in May.

A U.S. official in Washington said word was "spreading in extremist circles" of his death in Pakistan's tribal areas in the past two weeks.

His death would be a major blow to al-Qaida, which in December "lost both its internal and external operations chiefs," the official said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The Egyptian-born al-Yazid, also known as Sheik Saeed al-Masri, was a founding member of al-Qaida and the group's prime conduit to Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-

Zawahri. He was key to day-to-day control, with a hand in everything from finances to operational planning, the U.S. official said.

Al-Yazid has been reported killed before, in 2008, but this is the first time his death has been acknowledged by the militant group on the Internet.

Two Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, said al-Yazid died in a U.S. missile strike on May 21 in the North Waziristan tribal area.

Soon after the attack, officials reported that two foreigners were among the 10 people killed, but did not know their identities. Five women and two children

were also wounded in the attack, which occurred in the village of Boya near the main town in the area, Miran Shah.

The intelligence officials said they received word of al-Yazid's death last week and confirmed it by speaking to local tribal elders and Taliban members. They said their sources had not seen al-Yazid's body and did not know where he was buried.

Al-Yazid has been one of many targets in a U.S. Predator drone campaign aimed at militants in Pakistan since President Barack Obama took office. Al-Yazid made no secret of his contempt for the United States, once calling it "the evil empire leading crusades against the Muslims."

should be no surprise. Since the start of high school, he has competed with the other top students with a challenging schedule — one that includes four Advanced Placement classes and an overloaded schedule for his senior year. The work earned him a Presidential Scholarship from the university, covering the cost of tuition.

"It's been a ridiculous journey," said Taylor, who has balanced his academic schedule with extra-curricular activities such as French Club.

Taylor completed four years of French and hopes to continue with the language in college.

"I really enjoy the French language and appreciate the culture," Taylor said, "It would be interesting to study in France or a French-speaking country."

In some cases, his extra-curricular activities are no less demanding than his studies. Taylor was a member of Singa-tion, Wapakoneta High School's competitive choir.

Taylor's next mission is to become a reconstructive plastic surgeon.

"One of my main inspirations is helping them," Taylor said. "I've known people who had their life altered immensely."

He also is considering diagnostics.

"It's like the television series 'House,' but without the dramatics," Taylor

said.

He would work with patients to find the right diagnosis for serious illnesses.

"I can't imagine how frustrating it would be," Taylor said, "if no one could help you."

His career choices reflect his long-standing desire to help. He participated in his church's Worship Team and earned Eagle Scout status.

The Eagle Scout completed his volunteer project at Auglaize Acres. Limiting their use of tools, Taylor and several others repaired and replaced 17 tables in preparation for the Acres' 150th anniversary celebration.

Taylor is set to address the graduating class of 2010 at commencement on Saturday, looking at the world and Wapakoneta events that have shaped their time in high school. As with most things, he said he feels calm and prepared.

"I'm not nervous, but I didn't take speech class," Taylor said, "so I don't have a lot of experience."

Taylor said he isn't nervous about the next big event either.

While he hasn't spent much time in the South, he feels that the cultural shift will be easily managed. He appreciates the friendliness and Southern hospitality, but is a bit confused by their dress.

"It was 60 degrees out and they were in winter coats and scarves."

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— Zach Taylor

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forget," Morris said. "Today, let us remember, not only those we can name in our hearts, but those who are unknown to us besides the freedom they preserve. Let us pray for a permanent peace."

Speaking from experience, Adams told area residents he believes no one understands freedom, or the price of freedom, as much as those you have served.

"Vets are instilled with a personal sense of dedication, and an understanding of freedom," Adams

The Sidney resident also spoke of the pain of losing a loved one to war.

"No words can express the loss of a loved one who gave the ultimate sacrifice," Adams said.

For those men and women, and for all of those who have served and continue to serve, Adams' message was simple.

"I stand with you. I salute you. God bless you," Adams said.

Local veteran Larry James, Auglaize County Disabled American Veteran's Chapter 73, placed a wreath in honor of those

unknown soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for America.

Followed by a moment of silence, a firing squad was led by Wapakoneta Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 8445 and the high school band played the taps.

The Memorial Day service was sponsored by the local Disabled American Veteran's and Veteran's of Foreign Wars chapters, as well as AMVETS Post 333 and American Legion Post 330.

Officer of the day, Joe Lenhart, spoke of the last-

ing effects of war.

He told the crowd an anecdote about a conversation with military officials.

Lenhart reminded locals that just 15 years ago, the federal government continued to pay dependents of Civil War soldiers.

"Take that with you, and think of that as you leave today," Lenhart said. "Wars make an impact far after the time they end."

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1868 when Gen. John Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, decreed that the day would be to remember the fallen soldiers of the Civil War.

Memorial Day became a national holiday in 1967 and Congress moved its observance to the last Monday in May in 1968.

So is Memorial Day another three days of work, for some it is," Copeland said. "For many much more. Memorial Day was intended to be a day for all U.S. citizens to

pay homage to the gallant patriots, both past and present, who have fallen in service to our country."

He said soldiers have spilt their blood throughout the world — "the hardest currency of all, once spent never to be recouped and a debt that we can never truly repay."

Reflecting on the service of more than 1 million fallen Americans, Copeland said he hopes America's leaders take into consideration these lives.

He then read the names of Staff Sgt. Ryan D. For-

aker, a friend of Copeland, and Buckland native Sgt. John Michael "Mike" Schoolcraft, who died Jan. 19, 2008.

Copeland said people should realize they owe much to so few for the rights and privileges all Americans share.

One of those privileges included the honor to speak Monday.

"Being a part of this ceremony has special meaning to me, I have had the greatest privilege that could be bestowed upon a military leader — that is to lead today's outstand-

ing young men and women into the combat zone," said Copeland, who also had the privilege of placing the wreath during this ceremony in 1994 and in 2004 after deployments immediately preceding. "I have witnessed first-hand their sacrifices and hardships of leaving behind their homes, their loved ones and lives to answer the nation's call of duty. It is truly inspirational."

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much that whenever I think of Waynesfield I'm always going to smile and remember the memories made together as the days of 2010."

In bringing the ceremony to a close, the graduating class was

each made their final walk across the stage, they received a class flower of a white rose tipped in purple.

With diplomas in hand, the graduating class was

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If you have young children, the end of another school year means you are now one year closer to the day when you send them to college — and one year closer to dealing with the high costs of higher education. However, you still have time to save and invest — and one of the best investment choices you can make is a Section 529 college savings plan.

In fact, a 529 plan contains, in just one account, some of the key advantages found in other attractive investment vehicles, such as a 401(k) or IRA. Consider the following:

- * Tax-advantaged earnings — Roth IRA earnings accumulate tax free and are distributed tax free, provided the account is at least five years old and the account owner doesn't start taking withdrawals until at least age 59½. Similarly, a 529 plan's earnings accumulate tax free and are distributed tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (Keep in mind, though, that 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax.)
- * Asset allocation — One key to being a successful investor is choosing the mix of investments — such as stocks, bonds and government securities — that are appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon. A professional financial advisor can help you create a suitable asset allocation for your 401(k), IRA or other investment accounts. Most 529 plans also offer an asset allocation strategy, typically based on the age of the child or the number of years until college enrollment. For example, if your child is younger, your plan might start off with a higher percentage of aggressive investments in order to maximize your growth potential. As your child gets closer to college, the plan may take a more conservative approach to help reduce the effects of volatility before you start tapping into the plan.

Clearly, a 529 plan has much in com-