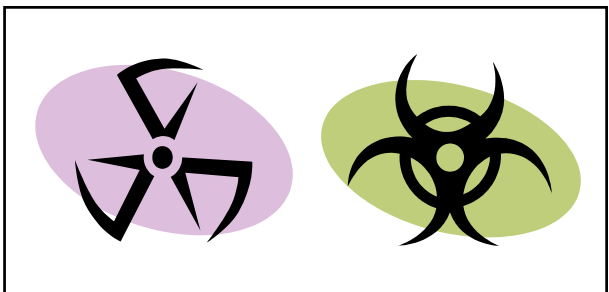
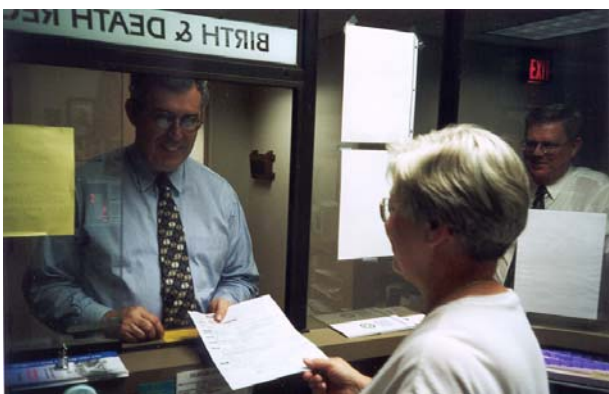




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From the Health Commissioner



The year 2002 was discouraging to me. After confronting anthrax and bioterrorism scares in 2001, the Health Department began to address West Nile virus worries for the first time.

West Nile virus was found throughout Muskingum County. Birds tested positive for the virus (six blue jays and one crow) as well as Muskingum County mosquitoes. We did not foresee these events, which cost us thousands of dollars in expense.

Meantime, the demand for medical and dental services from our community continues to increase because of the many residents who lack health insurance. And, rumors of possible cuts in Medicaid are not comforting since this represents a significant portion of our income to maintain our clinics.

Our mission is to prepare for a future we cannot predict. We need to be able to take care of our public in new ways.

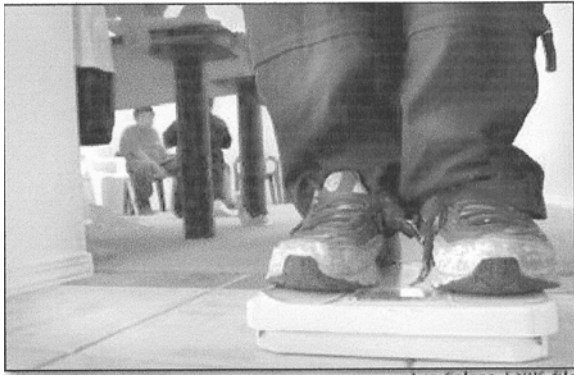
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COVER PHOTOS: CLOCKWISE

1. Brian R. Rockey, DDS examines a patient's mouth for decay in the Family Dental Clinic.
2. Medical Director Vicki A. Whitacre, MD receives the 2002 Women of Achievement Josephine Phillips Health Care Award for making significant contributions to health care in our community.
3. Nuclear and Biological symbols
4. Registrar Kay Hedges provides death certificates to Funeral Director Joe Lanning of Delong, Baker and Lanning Funeral Home.
5. Summer student Joey Dunn sprays larvicide on County Line Road to control the population of disease spreading mosquitoes.

Family & Community Health

The Surgeon General reported an alarming increase in childhood obesity in 2002. Dr. Vicki Whitacre, Health Department Medical Director, says that in her 30



years of practicing medicine, she has never seen so many overweight children. Kids 13 and under weighing more than 200 pounds are showing up in her office more and more often. As a result, the Health Department and Genesis Health-Care held a one-day conference in April to educate the professional community

about childhood obesity.

After the resignation of dentist, Dr. John Ney and the temporary closing of the dental clinic, the Health Department reopened its dental clinic and welcomed Dr. Brian Rockey as the new Director of Dental Services.

Healthy Hearts of Morgan, Muskingum, and Perry Counties along with WHIZ Media Group kicked off Try Fitness: a four-month program in which residents in these counties are encouraged to increase their physical activity, eat more fruits and vegetables, quit using tobacco, and reduce the stress in their life. Healthy Hearts is funded through a grant by the Ohio Department of Health and coordinated by the Health Department.

The Health Department received a \$205,184 Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant from the federal government in September. The grant also covers Perry County services. Public Health Nurse, Judy King became Director of Bioterrorism Planning. The Health Department also hired an epidemiologist to survey and investigate infectious diseases, and a bioterrorism coordinator for Perry County.

Environmental Health

The Health Department received dozens of phone calls from food service owners on whether they should close their businesses because of a water outage in February 2002. Public Health Sanitarians visited restaurants and retail food establishments affected to make sure they were in compliance with the boil advisory.

The first case of West Nile Virus was reported in Muskingum County in July. Two pools (groups) of mosquitoes and seven birds tested positive for the disease last summer. The Health Department extended spraying of mosquito problems through September 2002. We also informed the public to use mosquito repellent with DEET and to eliminate any standing water on their property.



Laboratory tests on turkey taken from the home of Pamela Moyer on November 25 have turned out to be inconclusive, not proving the turkey as the source of possible food poisoning. Although preliminary autopsy results showed that food poisoning was a possible cause of Moyer's death, final autopsy results indicate the possible cause of death as complications due to an infection associated with cardiac dysrhythmia (irregular movement of the heart muscle). Zanesville Police say Moyer died in her home early Monday morning on November 25, 2002. An investigation indicated that a couple of days prior to her death Moyer consumed a normal Thanksgiving-style dinner at her home consisting of turkey. The Health Department was requested by the police to test the turkey.

2002 Statistics

Environmental Health	
	2002
Animal Bites Reported	144
Animal Bite Investigations	115
Nuisance Complaints Reported	104
Nuisance Inspections	202
Food Service Inspections	702
Sewage Disposal System Inspections	464
Sewage Certification Inspections	127
Plat Inspections	145
Sewage Disposal System Layouts	503
Septage Hauler Inspections	32
Private Water System Inspections	129
Private Water System Certifications	51
Water Samples	469
Safe/Unsafe	308/161
Water Hauler Inspections	4

2002 Statistics continued

Environmental Health	
	2002
Pool Inspections	136
Spa Inspections	43
Camp Inspections	49
Mobile Home Park Inspections	67
School Inspections	76
Refuse Hauler Inspections	26
Plumbing System Inspections	1293
Mosquito Calls	479
Number of Licensed Providers	
Food Service	702
Septage Haulers	13
Water Haulers	4
Pools	31
Spas	10
Camps	23
Mobile Home Parks	34
Refuse Haulers	14
Schools	35

2002 Statistics continued

Family & Community Health	
	2002
Pediatric Clinic Visits	1749
Adult Clinic Visits	2425
Dental Clinic Visits	2073
Dental Sealant- students seen	1973
Dental Sealant- sealants placed	4979
Child Immunization Visits	2051
Vaccine Given	5043
HIV/AIDS Test Site Visits	358
Communicable Disease Clinic Visit	3362
Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps Visits	280
Breast/Cervical Cancer Visits	66
Hearing Specialty Clinic Visits	84
Developmental Clinic Visits	20
Social Work Contacts	2303

2002 Statistics continued

Family & Community Health	
	2002
Newborn Home Visits	645
Welcome Home Visits	415
Senior Health Clinic Visits	1895
Lice Prevention & Control	1848
Juvenile Court Nurse Visits	364
Starlight School Nurse Visits	653
Franklin School Nurse Contacts	3219
Tri Valley School Nurse Contacts	5664
Maysville School Nurse Contacts	15964
Help Me Grow Children Served	701
Appalachian Blood Pressure Monitoring Project	291
Paternity Tests Given	603

2002 Statistics continued

Family & Community Health	
	2002
Tattoo Artists Certified	10
Tattoo Parlors Licensed	5
Health Education Contacts	511
Healthy Hearts Program Contacts	3597
Public Relations/Marketing Contacts	6315

Vital Statistics	
	2002
Births in Muskingum County	1663
Deaths in Muskingum County	1024
Fetal Deaths	5
Birth Certificates Issued	10069
Death Certificates Issued	5429

2002 Finances

Revenue	
Health Levies	\$935,983
Fees (Medical and Dental Clinics, Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps, Environmental Health, Vital Statistics)	708,175
Grants (Child & Family Health Services, Bioterrorism, Tobacco Prevention)	546,629
Contracts (Bioterrorism, HIV, Medicaid Outreach)	438,990
State Subsidy	27,434
Other Receipts (including grants and contracts)	1,302,681
Total Revenue	3,959,892

2002 *Finances continued*

Expense	
Personnel Salaries	\$2,167,221
Fringe Benefits	662,484
Contract Services	264,149
Travel/Staff Training	72,841
Supplies	155,002
Equipment	93,973
Other Expenses	457,407
Total Expense	3,873,077

Board of Health

The Health Department welcomed Nate Norris and Eleanor “Sis” Bowman as new Board of Health members in April.

Norris is Associate Director of Avondale Youth Center. He was appointed by the City of Zanesville and replaces Chris Brauning, DDS who resigned from the Board in February.

Bowman is Information Services Director for Muskingum County and owner of Whitey’s Restaurant. She is also a Guest Columnist for the Zanesville Times Recorder. The Health District Licensing Council appointed Bowman, as required by new state legislation.

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District Advisory Council

The Zanesville-Muskingum County District Advisory Council and the City of Zanesville hold the responsibility of appointing six of the seven members to the Board of Health and bringing recommendations and concerns to the Board’s attention.

The advisory council is composed of the chairman of each township’s board of trustees, the mayor of each village or city in the county, and the Muskingum County Commissioners.