

The Ehlers e-Newsletter

Monday, May 5, 2003

Last Week in the U.S. House of Representatives

CONGRESSMAN EHLERS HOLDS SUCCESSFUL TOWN MEETING – More than 200 people attended events hosted by Congressman Ehlers at the Gerald R. Ford Museum Saturday. The events included a town meeting, a ceremony awarding the Congressional Medal of Merit to 44 West Michigan high school seniors and *Artfest 2003*, the Congressional High School Arts Competition and exhibition, which featured artwork from 40 area high school students.

FHN SOPHOMORE WINS ARTS COMPETITION, TRIP TO WASHINGTON – Kimberly VanDyke, a 15-year-old sophomore from Forest Hills Northern High School, was named winner of the Third Congressional District's *ArtFest 2003* Saturday for her ceramic raku mask titled "Mask of My Mind." Congressman Ehlers announced the award to an audience of more than 100 at the Ford Museum. Kimberly and a companion will be flown to Washington in June to participate in the opening of the exhibit of 2003 Congressional Arts Competition first-prize winners titled "An Artistic Discovery." Kimberly's work was one of 40 submitted to the contest and will be displayed along with more than 200 other winners from around the nation in a walkway between the U.S. Capitol and the Cannon House Office building for the next year.

TOWN MEETINGS SCHEDULED SATURDAY FOR IONIA, HASTINGS – Congressman Ehlers will host two more town meetings Saturday, May 10, in **Ionia** and **Hastings** to discuss his work in Washington and to answer questions from constituents. The Ionia meeting will be held from 9 – 10 a.m. at the Ionia County Central Dispatch facility, 545 Apple Tree Dr., Ionia. The Hastings meeting will be held from 11 a.m. – 12 noon in the Council Chambers of Hastings City Hall, 201 East State St., Hastings.

THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

For the Week of May 5 – 9, 2003

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003

On Monday, the House will meet at 2 p.m. in a Pro Forma Session.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2003

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Suspensions (6 bills):

(Bills on suspension are generally considered non-controversial and have reduced debate time, but require a two-thirds majority vote to be passed.)

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 139 - Authorizing printing of the brochures entitled "How Our Laws Are Made" and "Our American Government", the publication entitled "Our Flag", the document-sized annotated version of the United States Constitution, and the pocket version of the United States Constitution**
- 2) **H.Con.Res. 138 - Authorizing the printing of the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-2005**

- 3) **H.R. 1596 - Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building Designation Act**
- 4) **H.R. 1625 - Robert P. Hammer Post Office Building Designation Act**
- 5) **H.R. 1740 - Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act**
- 6) **H.R. 1609 - Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building Designation Act**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

Suspensions (4 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 100 - Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:** To restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.
- 2) **H.R. 866 - Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act of 2003:** To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works.
- 3) **H.R. 874 - Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2003:** To establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.
- 4) **H.Con.Res. 96 - Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service**

H.R. 766 - Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003: To provide for a National Nanotechnology Research and Development Program.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

On Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

H.R. 1261 - Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003: To enhance the workforce investment system of the nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2003

On Friday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

H.R. 2 - Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003: Information not available at time of publication.

Historical Tidbits

On May 5 ...

1865 - The Thirteenth Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the U.S.

1945 - The Netherlands and Denmark were liberated from Nazi control.

1961 - Alan Shepard became the first American in space when he made a 15 minute suborbital flight.

1987 - The U.S. congressional Iran-Contra hearings opened.

On May 6 ...

1981 - A jury of international architects and sculptors unanimously selected Maya Ying Lin's entry for the design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

On May 7 ...

1789 - The first U.S. Presidential Inaugural Ball was held in New York City.

1800 - The U.S. Congress divided the Northwest Territory into two parts. The western part became the Indiana Territory and the eastern section remained the Northwest Territory.

1975 - U.S. President Ford declared an end to the Vietnam War.

On May 8 ...

1794 - The United States Post Office was established.

1945 - U.S. President Harry Truman announced that World War II had ended in Europe.

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